

B.I.S.T. September 2012

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Dear Principals and Leaders:

I hope this letter finds you off to a good start for the 2012-13 school year. We are looking forward to working with you again this year.

In our continued efforts to support your buildings effectively, we are hosting several leadership meetings this school year. The first meeting is quickly approaching and will be held on Sept. 24. This workshop will focus on the administrator's role in leading BIST (both the ongoing process and the implementation). This is the one meeting of the year in which we charge a registration fee as well as it is an extended time. On Sept. 24 we will host the **Administrators Workshop—Leading a Building with BIST at Ozanam Smith Hall**. The time is from **8:30-11:30** and the **registration fee is \$40**. On the flyers that you may have or will receive, the registration fee states \$60, however it is actually \$40.

We are providing additional networking meetings for both building leaders and district administrators throughout the year. The dates for these are:

10/22

1/14

4/29

Each of these will be held at **Ozanam Smith Hall from 8:00-9:30 am**. Our goal is to increase networking at the leadership level as well as increasing communication and support with district office administrators.

Last, but not least we are holding our annual **Vision Team Conference** in Lincoln NE this year. The dates for that conference are **April 26 (5-9pm) and April 27 (8:30 am-4 pm)**. If you are planning to attend, the cost is:

\$1,000 for a team of ten prior to November 1

\$1,200 for a team of ten from November 2-February 1

\$1,400 for a team of ten after February 2

We presently have not confirmed a location in Lincoln, but will let you know that information as soon as we have it.

Let us know if we can be of help to you. We appreciate all you do for teachers and students!

Sincerely,
Marty Huitt
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EACH DAY IN AMERICA . . .

Based on calculations per school day (180 days of seven hours each)

-2011 Children's Defense Fund

- 5 children are killed by abuse or neglect.
- 5 children or teens commit suicide.
- 8 children or teens are killed by firearms.
- 32 children or teens die from accidents.
- 80 babies die before their first birthdays.
- 186 children are arrested for violent offenses.
- 368 children are arrested for drug offenses.
- 949 babies are born at low birthweight.
- 1,204 babies are born to teen mothers.
- 1,240 public school students are corporally punished.*
- 2,058 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
- 2,163 babies are born without health insurance.
- 2,573 babies are born into poverty.
- 3,312 high school students drop out.*
- 4,133 children are arrested.
- 4,717 babies are born to unmarried mothers.
- 18,493 public school students are suspended.

GALLUP Student Poll / National Cohort Fall 2011 USA Overall Data

(The Gallup Student Poll is a brief measure of hope, engagement, and wellbeing. The poll taps into the hearts and minds of American students to determine what drives wellbeing and achievement.)

Hope Items

- Graduate
- Adult cares
- Get good grades
- Pursue goals
- Ways around problem
- Find a good job

Hopeful - 54% / Stuck - 32% / Discouraged - 14%

Engagement Items

- Best friend
- Feel safe
- Schoolwork important
- Opportunity to do best
- Recognition
- School committed to strengths
- Volunteered time

Engaged - 60% / Not Engaged - 25% / Actively Disengaged - 15%

Wellbeing Items

- Treated with respect
- Smile or laugh
- Learn or do something
- Enough energy
- Health problems
- Family or friends

Thriving - 67% Struggling - 32% Suffering - 1%

The Reason WE Support Students

As we review the Gallup Poll and Children's Defense Fund Statistics above, it's easy to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of need. Via faculty meeting and/or vision team meeting take the time to determine what we CAN provide through GRACE and ACCOUNTABILITY within the school environment.

- Common area expectations with intrusive adult supervision (taught and retaught throughout the year, not just in August)
- Commitment by ALL adults to actively engage in triage at the building level, classroom level and individual level
- Teaching of BIST to parents means we articulate that "BIST" is a philosophy of teaching and protection so that all students will be able to have these skills when they leave our school system (NOT just information on safe seat, buddy room and think sheets)
 - *Be productive and follow directions even if I'm mad (overwhelmed by my feelings)*
 - *Be productive and follow directions even if others are not okay*
 - *Be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to. (even if it's difficult)*
- Commitment by ALL adults to stop an issue when it's seen, not when adults feel it
- Commitment by ALL adults to utilize common language to increase partnership and decrease student resistance
- Provide a strong philosophical foundation to look at the skill level of the student
- Partner with students to determine what he/she can manage and provide protection (restriction) to support what he/she cannot manage
- Focus on the **GOAL FOR LIFE** the student is working on
 - *I can be productive and follow directions even if I'm mad (overwhelmed by my feelings).*
 - *I can be productive and follow directions even if others are not okay.*
 - *I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to. (even if it's difficult)*
- Establish the exact words the student will use, action they will take to keep from making it worse and how it will look and sound to be successful while protection (restriction) is in place
- Problem-solve questions with the student so practice of this plan will occur daily with a significant adult and throughout the day as needed
- Establish that plans of support will include contribution with a significant adult or another student on a daily basis
- Commitment by ALL adults to OUTLAST and help students make life-long changes
(Being able to say the right thing but unable to do the right thing will never be enough. WE will help you be able to say it and do it!)

How will you inspire and engage students?

Thank you to Ms. Liesemeyer and Mrs. Schilmoeller at Clinton Elementary School in Lincoln, NE for sending this link to BIST. What a creative way to have students be a part of teaching the BIST Philosophy! Copy and paste the following link into your Internet Browser.

<http://wp.lps.org/tliese/blog/2011/02/10/our-bist-rap-is-done-check-it-out/>

Building Challenge:

1. How will you emphasize the GOALS FOR LIFE in your building this year?
2. What can you do to creatively engage and inspire students in relation to the BIST Philosophy?
3. What goal will your building set related to the continuum of change (outlasting)?

Upcoming BIST Training Opportunities

New Teacher Training

September 19, 2012

8:30-4:00

Ozanam/Smith Hall

421 E. 137th St.

KCMO 64145

FREE to Member schools only.

Call BIST office to register—

816.508.3652

Bully Proofing Your Building with BIST

November 2, 2012

8:30-4:00

Ozanam/Smith Hall

421 E. 137th St.

KCMO 64145

Administrators' Workshop

Please invite a district representative for a review of the BIST Philosophy and to maintain fidelity of implementation of the model.

September 24, 2012

8:30-11:30

Ozanam/Smith Hall

421 E. 137th St.

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Teaching and Protecting

Focus Area: Processing

January 25, 2013 5:00-9:00

January 26, 2013 8:30-4:00

Location to be announced

Fall Basic BIST

October 4, 5, 6, 2012

8:30-4:00

Raytown Schools Education and

Conference Center (RSECC)

10750 East 350 Highway

Raytown, MO 64138

Building BIST

**Focus Areas: Planning & Adult
Community**

February 22, 2013 5:00-9:00

February 23, 2013 8:30-4:00

Location to be announced

VISION TEAM CONFERENCE

April 26-27, 2013

Creating a Community of Accountable Adults

Lincoln, Nebraska

Location to be announced

*Please be advised that registration for classes via My Learning Plan is separate from BIST registration. Please also submit your BIST registration by faxing completed registration form to the BIST Office and/or via the BIST web site.
Thank you!*

BIST T-SHIRTS



**Create
Sense of
Community**




**Refocus
Around philosophy
Of BIST**

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS
RED, ORANGE, LIME, ROYAL BLUE, BLACK
SMALL - X LARGE \$ 12.00
2XL \$ 13.00

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS
RED, ORANGE, KIWI, ROYAL BLUE, BLACK
SMALL - X LARGE \$ 17.00
2XL \$ 18.00

PERSONALIZE YOUR SHIRTS
HAVE YOUR SCHOOL NAME ADDED FOR A ONE
TIME \$ 10.00 SET UP FEE



**Energy
Of
Cohesiveness**



**Can you say
JEANS Day???**