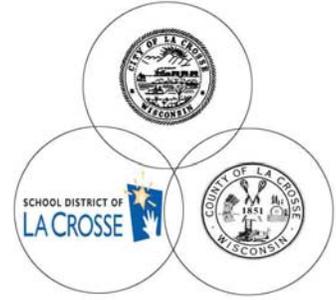


September 23, 2013

Greetings 2013 Rebuilding For Learning Summit Attendee,

Our 3rd Rebuilding for Learning¹ Summit has come and gone; the day we shared on August 13th provided an opportunity for us to continue our critically important work on behalf of our region's youth and families. Your Rebuilding for Learning Steering Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend a heart-felt thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend this year's summit. Your personal and professional commitment to this effort helps make the city/county/school district collaboration a uniquely influential force.



In addition to providing our genuine thanks and appreciation for your good work throughout the year, we wanted to take this opportunity to share (1) the link to the nascent Rebuilding for Learning website, (2) this year's summit evaluation/feedback results, (3) invite you to join a content arena, and (4) extend an invitation to attend next year's summit!

Website

We are on the runway – and poised to launch – the Rebuilding for Learning website. Our official launch date will be Monday, October 7th, 2013! Our domain name will be www.lacrossepartnersinlearning.org. The La Crosse Partners in Learning website will be our nexus to the exemplary Rebuilding for Learning efforts taking place in our community. Admittedly, our site is currently in its “skeletal” form, but we are counting on all of you to help put the proverbial meat on the bones. Your organization's information, pending events, anecdotal stories, etc., as they relate to supporting youth and families in our community is welcomed. If you are curious about posting to the website, please contact Sharon Jindrick at 789-7654, or e-mail her at sjindric@lacrosseschools.org for more information.

2013 Summit Feedback

Attached to this e-mail correspondence you will find a summation of the 2013 Rebuilding for Learning Summit feedback/responses. A sincere ‘thank you’ to all attendees for the thoughtful feedback you provided. Please know the steering committee takes your feedback seriously as we strive to make each year's Rebuilding for Learning Summit meaningful for our broad spectrum of participants. As noted during this year's event, the attendance (over 150 committed attendees) is the largest turnout in our three-year summit history. The steering committee will continue to be responsive – and in doing so – hopefully push the participant number even higher in 2014.

Interested in Joining a Content Arena?

As always, if you are interested in joining one of the six (6) content arena sub-committees, please contact Regina Siegel at 789-7634, or e-mail her at rsiegel@lacrosseschools.org.

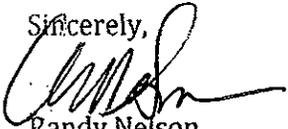
You're Invited in 2014!

We are cognizant of that fact that our calendars become saturated with activities and events, so in an effort to “get out front” we are asking you to save **Tuesday, August 12th, 2014**, for our 4th Annual Rebuilding for Learning Summit. We sincerely hope you can put a placeholder on this date. Your voice at the summit is of critical importance; we are stronger as a community because of your active involvement.

¹ Want to learn more about Rebuilding for Learning? Enjoy Howard S. Adelman and Linda Taylor's seminal work, *Rebuilding for Learning: Addressing Barriers to Learning and Teaching, and Re-engaging Students* at <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/rebuild/RebuildingV11RD28.pdf>

We know that we are all too busy to be divided. Our work together will undoubtedly improve desired results throughout our region. Thank you for your concern, passion, and dedication to our young people!

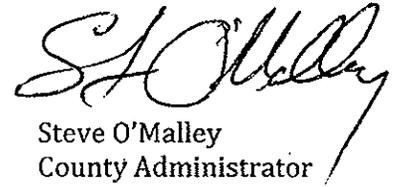
Sincerely,



Randy Nelson
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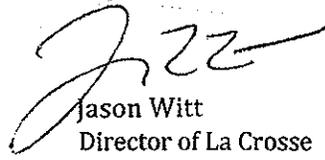
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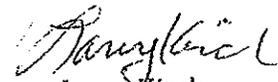
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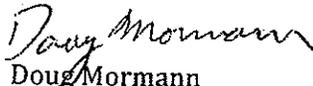
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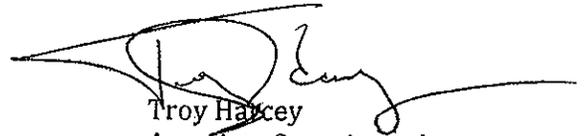
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