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Dear Colleague,

Spring greetings from the Center on Innovations in Learning (CIL)!

We are happy to announce that we are populating our CIL website with valuable resources to enhance your knowledge of innovations that improve learning and teaching. Current, vetted publications and tools on topics such as personalized learning, data use and analytics, and change and innovation are available for free download from a searchable database, which also retrieves a brief summary of a publication’s content for your convenience. We will continuously add resources, and other enhancements, to the site in the upcoming months, so continue to visit [www.centeril.org](http://www.centeril.org)

The **Annual Indistar Summit** will be held April 9–10 in Richmond, Virginia. Over 22 state teams and their accompanying regional comprehensive centers are registered for this energizing event. The state teams will provide panel discussions on their evolving work using Indistar for their school improvement process, with plenty of time for discussion, cross-state interaction, and reflection. Full resources will be posted at [www.centeril.org](http://www.centeril.org)

Recent center activity included a facilitated training by **Lois Myran**, CIL, on February 7th in Topeka, Kansas, for 20 **Kansas Department of Education** personnel, collectively called the “KSDE Integrated Innovation Teams,” or “KIIT.” KSDE participants included **Norma Cregan**, **Sandra Guidry**, and **Pat Hill**. The goals of the day included increasing participants’ understanding of the logistics and processes of KansaStar, the Kansas version of Indistar, a review of the state administrative dashboard, and a clarification of the responsibilities of KIIT when supporting and monitoring school work. KIIT members will be assigned to assist several Focus and Priority Schools.

**Larry Kugler**, CIL, conducted an Indistar training for the **Office of the State Superintendent of Education of the District of Columbia (OSSE)** on March 26th. This D.C. training was provided for the district’s eleven Focus Schools. Previously, trainings were conducted for key personnel in the School Improvement Grant and Priority Schools in D.C.’s public and charter system. **Dr. Khalid Randolph, Director, Innovation and Improvement (I & I) for OSSE** welcomed representatives from seven schools and established the goals for the day with great enthusiasm and commitment. In addition, **Dr. Ted Thompson, Director, Office of School Turnaround for OSSE**, made welcoming remarks and emphasized the importance of this initiative from the district’s perspective. **Antoine Vinson** led the OSSE staff and did an excellent job organizing the training. Dr. Randolph’s entire I & I staff worked directly with the school participants throughout the training and provided outstanding support, which contributed to a successful introduction to Indistar.

Finally, please take a few moments to read our new feature, “Meet the CIL Staff,” below. In the upcoming months, we will profile individuals on our CIL team so that you can become familiar with not only our work but also the valuable expertise we have ready and willing to respond to your inquiries.

Best,

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