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UPDATE

EMIS Support

MVECA is pleased to announce that Angela Crandall will be joining the software support staff at MVECA to answer your EMIS questions beginning Monday, January 17. We are pleased to have Angie's expertise available to us. Angie has worked with ODE for seven years, five of them directly with EMIS. Angie will be working part time for MVECA. Continue to direct EMIS questions to helpdesk@mveca.org, Hurtt@mveca.org, or call Stacy Hurtt directly at MVECA (767-1468), and our team will help you.
(Key contact at MVECA: Stacy Hurtt)

eRate DEADLINE Approaching – File Your 470 before Jan. 18

Nonprofit schools and libraries have until 11:59 p.m. EST Thursday, February 17, 2005 to apply for Universal Service discounts on their eligible telecommunications services, internet access, and internal connections--the wiring, routers, switches, file servers, and other equipment necessary to bring internet access into classrooms--for Funding Year 2005 of the eRate, which runs from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. To apply, schools must follow a three-step process: (1) Submit a Form 470 application listing all eligible services not currently under contract for which they will be requesting discounts; (2) wait at least 28 days before signing contracts or choosing service providers, during which time vendors may contact applicants and submit bids for their services; and (3) submit a Form 471 application after contracts are signed, requesting eRate discounts on all eligible services. Because a Form 470 application must be posted to the SLD web site for 28 days before a contract can be signed and a Form 471 submitted, applicants must file all Forms 470 no later than Thursday, January 20 to be eligible for Program Year 2005 discounts. However, we recommend that **you file your 470 by January 18** in order to give yourself a few days before the next filing date 28 days after the 470 is filed.
<http://www.sl.universalservice.org>.

(Key contact at MVECA: Gary Bosserman)

AIMS Digital Curriculum

MVECA has contracted with MINDS, LLC to provide our buildings and districts with access to over 90,000 educational multimedia components, aligned to state content standards, at an annual cost of \$.75 per building ADM. The collection includes full length educational videos, key concept video clips, still images, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* content, teacher guides, lesson plans, interactive on-line assessments, and assignments. What a great teaching aid! For more information, bring anyone you want and plan to attend any of these scheduled demonstrations:

Tues., Feb. 1 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Greene Co. ESC
Wed., Feb. 9 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Clinton/Fayette/Highland ESD
Thurs., Feb. 10 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Clark Co. ESC (30 Warder St., Springfield)

To register online, go to: www.mveca.org/www/training/registration_form.htmr or minds@mveca.org
(Key contacts at MVECA: Bill Schroeder and Jim Pesch)

Document Handling Solution

Do you want to get rid of the paper documents you have stored in all parts of your buildings? Is your storage space dwindling? Tired of buying new filing cabinets every year and looking for more storage space for those documents you must maintain? We have a solution to share with you.

Hudson James, Inc. provides a completely integrated package which has the capacity to electronically capture, store, and manage every document generated or received by your district – including paper, reports, forms, emails, application files, web content - providing you with the capability to retrieve, view, annotate, distribute, publish, or post to your website through a single point of access by integrating your existing applications and processes. You will want to learn more about this exciting solution.

A demo of the application will be held in early March at MVECA.

(Key contact at MVECA: Thor Sage)

Special Services software grant

MVECA is applying for a grant to provide additional assistance in getting this new software into the hands of your Special Education staff. The Special Services software contains the eight (8) approved state IEP letters and forms required in the state of Ohio. We hope to use grant funds to obtain more assistance with training and documentation for the software. If your district wants to use this IEP software yet this year for your IEPs, or begin training this Spring for full utilization in the fall, we can help.

You can attend a demo of the software: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2005 from 1:00-3:00 at MVECA
(Key contact at MVECA: Sandra Ingledue)

INFOhio Electronic Resource Vendor Preview 2005

- FREE ONLINE PREVIEW of resources from 34 vendors!
- DISCOUNTED PRICES for 2005-2006!
- CONVENIENT ACCESS to more than 150 products for K-12!

The online preview begins Saturday, January 15, and extends through Tuesday, March 15, 2005. There is no cost to preview any of the products, and all Ohio educators, students, and their parents are welcome to try out the resources. Required usernames and passwords will be activated on January 15. For more information about Preview 2005, vendor product information, and links to the online trial sites, please visit the INFOhio Web site. <http://www.infohio.org/ER/Preview2005/Summary2005.html>

(Key contact at MVECA: Jim Pesch)

Value Added – Free Information Sessions

Beginning in 2007-08, value added will become an official component of Ohio's education accountability system. Battelle for Kids is hosting a series of FREE information sessions to help educators and others better understand this new method for measuring student progress. In our area, you can attend:

Thurs., January 27

Friday, January 28

Clark State Community College, Springfield

Montgomery County ESC, Dayton

To register, contact Joanne Geiler at 614-469-5966 or visit <http://24.123.52.90/Battelle/academy.htm>.

Data Driven Decision Making Speaker

David Kimball, a nationally known speaker from Lake Washington district in Seattle, assistant superintendent, and one of the best resources for data-driven decision strategies at the enterprise level, will be speaking at the SchoolNet Conference on Monday, February 14 from 9:30-10:30 and 12:30-1:30.

AYP Workshop

Dr. Tom Lasley, University of Dayton, will present a workshop entitled ***"Teaching in a Diverse Society - How Do We Deal With AYP?"*** on Wednesday, February 23 from 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Northgate Development Center in Columbus, Ohio. Superintendents, principals, and anyone interested in hearing Dr. Lasley are invited to attend this workshop. If you have any questions, please call the workshop sponsor, NCA CASI, at 877-622-6446.

