

TLC Topics and Trends

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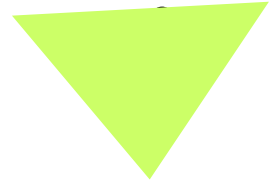


My Electronic Portfolio

On December 10, 2003 Dr. Frank Till, Superintendent of Broward County Schools, Dan Cochran, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, and Becky Shermis, Executive Director of Human Resource Development attended an informational meeting and discussion at Florida Atlantic University's Davie Campus on the progress of *My Electronic Portfolio*.

My Electronic Portfolio is a custom-designed tool developed by the Teaching and Leadership Center's Leadership Institute in collaboration with the School District's Human Resource Leadership Development and Administrative Procedures departments for the purpose of documenting the application of highly effective educational practices of

school administrators. Administrators use this tool to create, maintain, and update professional portfolios on the Internet. *My Electronic Portfolio* is an instrument to exhibit benchmark performance, and to elicit feedback, discussion and self-reflection. It is readily accessible on the Web and has the ability to store both text and multi-media. The organizational design is based on the Sterling Criteria and APPAS assessment system used by Broward County Schools. This tool will assist those administrators applying for the 5% Pay for Performance adopted by The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and will encourage a shared understanding of what constitutes quality work and present it in a common language for review and evaluation.



An orientation session for *My Electronic Portfolio* is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27th at 4:30pm at the FAU Davie Campus, Room LA 124.** The purpose of this orientation session is to acquaint prospective users with planning and drafting techniques in the design of their portfolio, and using the *My Electronic Portfolio* website for maintaining portfolios.

If you have any questions concerning the orientation session for *My Electronic Portfolio*, call the Teaching and Leadership Center at 954-236-1623.



Transition to Teaching Florida Grantees

Marge Sasse, Associate Director of TLC presented at **The Transition to Teaching Florida Statewide Grantee Meeting** that was held on January 9, 2004 at the Orange County School Administration building in Orlando. The meeting provided an opportunity for Florida grantees to share information and experiences with one another.

TLC was awarded a three-year Transition to Teaching (TTT) Grant from the U.S. DOE in 2001 to recruit and prepare recent non-education graduates and mid-career professional to enter teaching.

The purpose of TTT grants is to establish programs to recruit and prepare highly qualified mid-career

professionals, highly qualified paraprofessionals, and recent non-education graduates to become teachers in high-need schools. TTT grants also encourage the development and expansion of alternative routes to teacher certification under State approved programs. This program has enabled TLC to place more than 130 teachers in the school district.

Thelma Leenhouts and Amy Wooten from the U.S. Department of Education, *Office of Innovation and Improvement* in Washington D.C. presented a variety of current innovative practices in education working throughout the United States

to attract and retain highly qualified teachers.

In February 2004, TLC staff will be attending the *Alternative Routes to Teaching Conference* in San Antonio to pursue further funding opportunities for alternative certification programs.

Interested in becoming a teacher through an alternative certification track? View TLC's website www.fau.edu/tlc for major program initiatives that can provide information on becoming a teacher.

