

From: Greenberg, Stuart
Sent time: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 9:18:08 PM
To: Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@excelined.org) <MaryLaura@excelined.org>
Subject: RE: mid-year promotion data

One of the improvements with FAR that I would like to look into a valid and reliable informal reading inventory that must be administered for good cause promotion and sent to the district for review. We do know that the portfolio items that we developed under Cari's direction is solid. Most schools are using the items that we developed as the portfolio. If we had funding we could do a random validation.

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From: Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@excelined.org) [mailto:MaryLaura@excelined.org]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Subject: FW: mid-year promotion data

Hi Stu,

Will you take a look at this and give me your thoughts? I agree with Marcus that these numbers seem pretty high. Any thoughts?

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Winters, Marcus [mailto:mwinters@Manhattan-Institute.org]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 1:00 PM
To: Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@excelined.org)
Subject: RE: mid-year promotion data

Thanks for this --

From your experience -- are these numbers of in-year grade promotions plausible? That is, are the in-grade promotions so frequent that they could account for between 13 and 18 percent of kids who were retained due to the policy? Seems high to me, which has me worried about identifying the kids this way --- but I'm not on the ground there so I don't really know.

marcus

From: Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@excelined.org)
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Winters, Marcus (mwinters@Manhattan-Institute.org)
Cc: Patricia Levesque (patricia@excelined.org)
Subject: mid-year promotion data

Hey Marcus,

On our call last you were trying to figure out how to look at mid-year promotion, or if it would even be worth exploring.

I have attached a file that may or may not be helpful as you consider how/if to include it.

Thanks!

Mary Laura

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