

From: Lee, Laurie
Sent time: Thursday, October 20, 2011 1:03:58 PM
To: Cari@excelined.org
Subject: Re: update

Cari,

I sent my message to you before I received this one from Stu: Kevin is moving into Cari's office on Friday. Susan Watt will be joining our team in the coming weeks.

I was (and shouldn't have been) blown away. It still hasn't been announced that Kevin is the new Deputy Director - not even internally! And Susan Watt???

Anyway, glad to hear that things are going well for you. I'll let you know what happens with the interview...

Have a great day!

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From: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) [mailto:Cari@excelined.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 12:26 PM
To: Lee, Laurie
Subject: RE: update

Hey! So good to hear from you! Why doesn't all of this not shock me, aka, being on the road, being pulled to do something else, Kevin's paperwork still being processed, and my movie watching friend Tasha. I can't say I miss ANY of that. I'm so glad Bo encouraged you to interview, then negotiate, it never hurts to try!!! Glad to hear Reading Endorsement roll out is going good.

San Fran was fun and a lot of work, but I enjoyed every minute of it. I got to know my new colleagues better, and I believe I'm a good fit here. We actually did go to dinner with the Governor, and of course, I got my picture with him (my dad is a big fan of Jeb and family, so he would have killed me if I didn't get a pic when I had the opportunity). I like it here so far, and I'm doing really different work, tracking legislation/bills of 21 states, tracking clips (newspaper articles) on those states, and doing some analyzing of K-3 reading bills and providing feedback to lawmakers. We are all about supporting other state lawmakers with crafting bills that are aligned with, what we call, the Florida Formula, and then getting them passed. Once passed, we help with state implementation. What I'm doing most right now is learning, which I'm enjoying.

Enjoy the free food Laurie! Miss you. Good luck with your interview.

Sincerely,
Cari

From: Lee, Laurie [mailto:Laurie.Lee@fldoe.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)
Subject: Re: update

It's great to hear from you! Everyone is on the road this week. I did the practicum training in Highlands - Kevin was supposed to do that but was pulled away to do something else - and then I drove to Tampa to do the FACTE presentation on the reading endorsement. Both went well.

So far nothing has changed at JRF. Kevin's paperwork is still in process. Tasha seems glad that she doesn't have a boss right now - lots of time to talk on the phone and watch movies :)

I have an interview with Bureau of Recruitment, Development and Retention on Friday so we will see what happens there. Please keep that on the down low. I talked with Bo a little bit about it and she encouraged me to interview and then try and negotiate salary.

How is everything there? I'm sure you are settling in. How was San Fran? Did you spend any time with Jeb?

I really miss you, but I'm sure you made the right decision.

Thanks for all the work you are doing to promote literacy in our nation - how exciting!!

It's downstairs for hamburgers at the Hampton Inn. I'm staying at the one in Tampa where you and I stayed over the summer and there was free food every night. Sweet!

Love ya, girl!

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Hi Laurie,

I hope this email finds you doing well! Just checking on you to see how you are doing? How the endorsement roll-out is going? Etc.

Miss you!

Sincerely,
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