Dear ICIC Members,

We hope everyone is gearing up for Spring Break! As always, it cannot come soon enough.

We have so many amazing things happening: our roundtable in March hosted by District 87 featuring author Veronica Roth, a new K-8 book study on Diane Sweeney's student-centered coaching hosted by Megan Preis, our two roundtables in April, one in D99 for high school and our first-ever K-8 roundtable in Skokie 73.5. Whew!

Our 2017 conference is registration is up and open! Diane Sweeney will be in the house and we’re so excited to learn from her! Also, if you’d like to present at the conference, please consider applying!

Have a great March! Spring is almost here and that means one thing, SUMMER IS CLOSE!

Lenny and Ben
What is your role and where do you work?
I am an instructional coach for two elementary schools and one middle school in Downers Grove.

What do you enjoy most about coaching?
I enjoy all of the amazing connections that I have made with both the teachers and students in all of my buildings.

Who do you go to for your coaching?
For my own personal coaching, I am able to reflect and grow by meeting with my instructional coaching team, my building principals, and district administrators on a regular basis. Being active on Twitter and staying involved in the ICIC and the DuPage ROE Instructional Coaches Network also helps me to grow professionally.

What is something that you wish you knew when you first started coaching?
When I first started out in this role, it would have been helpful to have the network of coaches that I do now. The coaches I have met over the past 4 years have helped me to grow within my role and learn how I can best support teachers and students.

Three Questions with... Megan Ryder

2017-18 Mentor Program

Are you an experienced Instructional Coach who would like to provide insight and support to a new coach?

This year, 29 mentor-mentee partnerships were established; mentors were paired with new instructional coaches based on grade level and skill. This partnership is available to coaches who have been in the role for two years or less.

Mentors communicate in a variety of methods including email, in person, Skype, Google Hangout and scheduled events.

Interested? Click here to sign up to be a mentor. Pairings with mentee coaches will take place in the spring.

Consider becoming an ICIC mentor for next year!
Sweeney is one of the thought-leaders of the instructional coaching world (and will be the keynote speaker at ICIC 2017).

*Student Centered Coaching* presents a data-based program for coaching that focuses on student learning. In working with teachers in designing instruction, teachers can be made to be a part of the school-improvement process. Sweeney’s years of experience and expertise show through as she describes a program that makes all invested in the process of coaching and learning.

While other coaching texts may focus on the emotional or interpersonal side of coaching, Sweeney adopts an analytical approach. The author provides guiding questions and data collection tools that will help teachers and coaches identify the steps necessary to improve student learning. These techniques are useful for directors of coaching programs, coaches, or even teachers who want to use their coach more effectively.

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**“Adopt, adapt, create—this is coaching”**

Kim Hollis @khrspecial via Twitter
The Illinois Council of Instructional Coaching is a group collective of coaches and administrators, from Pre-K to College, throughout the state. We are dedicated to building the art of coaching to benefit teachers and students of all ages.

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Upcoming ICIC Events

Winter Roundtable:
“Divergent Literacy” featuring author Veronica Roth
March 15, 2017
Hosted by District 87
Glendale Lakes Golf Club
1550 President Street
Glendale Heights, IL

9-12 Roundtable:
“Coaching Tips for Internal Coaches”
April 28, 2017
Hosted by District 99
North High School
4436 Main Street
Downers Grove, IL

K-8 Roundtable:
“Enrolling Teachers”
April 20, 2017
Hosted by District 73 1/2
Oliver McCracken Middle School
800 E. Prairie Road
Skokie, IL