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If you have questions or need additional information, you can reach us at 877.485.1973 or [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org).

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## Have you found errors in the DI programs?

Have you ever discovered an error in the DI programs? The programs are thoroughly vetted and field tested before publication, but sometimes errors still appear.

If you've found an error in a DI program, email the authors at [info@engelmann-becker.com](mailto:info@engelmann-becker.com). The Engelmann-Becker Corporation (named after the founders of DI) is devoted to designing, field testing and refining the DI curricula before and after they are published. The E-B Corp would be eager to learn of any errors you've found in the programs so they can note them and work with the publisher to correct errors before the next printing.

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## Literature in Reading Mastery booklet now available for free download

Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE), a Direct Instruction (DI) program, is an effective reading program that has been used nationwide. Like all teachers, those using the DI programs are concerned with ensuring students are exposed to and have experience with varied genres and literature. The National Institute for Direct Instruction has compiled a reference guide to the genres included in levels 4 and 5 of the program and examples of writing activities embedded in the program within each genre.

This is a great resource for demonstrating to parents, district administrators and others the rich literature that students read in RMSE and the engaging writing activities they do as part of the program. Original artwork in the booklet captures the tone and feeling of the short stories, biographies, poems, novels and other literature selections.

The booklet is available as a free download at: [http://www.nifdi.org/documents-library/doc\\_download/271-literature-in-rmse](http://www.nifdi.org/documents-library/doc_download/271-literature-in-rmse).

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## Session time announced for IDEA Public Schools and NIFDI presentation at National Charter Schools Conference

As you may recall from the NIFDI News! March 19th edition, IDEA Public Schools and NIFDI have been selected to present a session at the National Charter School Conference (NCSC) in Washington, D.C. this summer. The joint session, ***Using Direct Instruction to Improve Student Achievement: The Partnership between IDEA Public Schools and NIFDI***, will detail the partnership between the two organizations, discussing their process for improving the performance of students in IDEA's 14 elementary schools. Participants at the conference should plan to attend this informational presentation! Join the session on **July 3rd from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in room 147A.**

Not registered for this event? Need more information? Visit <http://www.publiccharters.org/Conference/2013/Home.aspx>.

## Are you smarter than a BCP 5th grader?

The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) hosted their version of *Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?* as Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawling-Blake, City Schools CEO Andres Alonso, Actress/Dancer/Storyteller Maria Broom and Economist Anirban Basu matched wits with fifth graders from four neighborhood charter schools in East Baltimore operated by BCP. Actor and Baltimore City School Board Commissioner Robert Heck served as Master of Ceremonies. The fifth graders upheld their winning title, beating these local leaders! Last year BCP students bested Dr. Alonso, Comedian Mickey Cucchiella, Houston Texans Wide Receiver Bryant Johnson and Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

The four BCP charter schools -- City Springs Elementary/Middle School, Collington Square School of the Arts, Hampstead Hill Academy and Wolfe Street Academy -- all implement Direct Instruction (DI) programs schoolwide with NIFDI support. City Springs has had particularly remarkable success working with NIFDI to maximize student performance with DI. Learn about City Spring's success with DI at:

[http://www.nifdi.org/component/docman/doc\\_download/214-visit-a-model-di-school?Itemid=326](http://www.nifdi.org/component/docman/doc_download/214-visit-a-model-di-school?Itemid=326)

See video footage of this remarkable event at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xGolvlzXIU>.

## Arthur Academies searching for Executive Director

Arthur Academies in Portland, OR is looking for an Executive Director (ED). The ED supervises six charter schools in six districts (four in Portland area, one in Woodburn and one in St. Helens). The six Arthur Academies currently implement the Direct Instruction model to a high level of success. The ED must be able to coach teachers and principals in the DI program implementation.

Minimum qualifications: Sufficient expertise in providing coaching and professional development in the DI model and an ability to communicate well with stakeholders: parents, teachers, district personnel, board members and the community.

**Applications are due by May 30, 2013.** To apply, submit a resume and application letter to [HR@arthuracademy.org](mailto:HR@arthuracademy.org). In your application letter, highlight your specific experience with Direct Instruction. Arthur Academies welcomes you to visit one or more of the schools prior to the May 30th application deadline. Upon request, you will be sent a full job description.

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