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### IOWA READS Reading Remediation Program Results Reported

IOWA READS just released a report on the after-school program they sponsor at a local Boys and Girls Club. The project utilizes *Corrective Reading* Decoding to help students in grades 3-5 and *FUNNIX* in grades K-2. The results are quite impressive.

#### *Corrective Reading Results*

The 23 third grade Corrective Reading students improved an average of 323 points on the *Scholastic Reading Inventory* (SRI), compared to the average 157 point improvement made by their classmates that did not participate in the project! The 24 fourth grade students who have been in the project for 2 years made an improvement of 490 points, versus the 240 point improvement of their non-participating peers.

#### FUNNIX Results

The FUNNIX program was introduced at the Kindergarten level 4 years ago to assist students in catching up on the skills that many of their peers learned at home before entering the school system. Thirty of the lowest performing students were included in the treatment group and scored a 20 on the Formative Assessment for Students and Teachers (FAST). The remaining 65 students scored a 35 on the FAST. Substantial gains were made in the course of one year of FUNNIX instruction, nearly eliminating the performance gap between the two groups. For additional information on FUNNIX, a computer-based DI program go to <http://www.funnix.com>

The full report can be accessed at <http://www.nifdi.org/resources/free-downloads/research/1384-iowa-reads-reading-remediation-program-results/file>.

### City Springs Elementary/Middle School Receives 5-year Charter Renewal



City Springs Elementary/Middle School has been granted a 5-year charter renewal by the Baltimore City Schools Board of School Commissioners from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. City Springs is operated by the Baltimore Curriculum Project and has partnered with NIFDI for implementation support since 1996.

Charter renewals are made every 3 to 5 years, and to receive a 5-year renewal is exceptional. Please join NIFDI in congratulating the staff and students at City Springs on their continued success!

### DI Community Fair to be Featured at National Conference

As a part of the Excellence in Education Awards evening, NIFDI and McGraw-Hill Education are hosting the second Direct Instruction Community Fair. The fair will be an opportunity for participants to "show and tell" about their application of DI.

The format is simple. First, submit the brief application included in the conference brochure. After review, if the application is selected, we will provide a board for you to display up to a 36x36" poster. There will also be a table in front of the display board where handouts or display material can be placed. Then, as people enjoy the social hour, you can share your story of how DI has impacted your school or district.

Possible topics could include a University program featuring DI teacher prep, a school district showing results attained through DI, a charter school recruitment. Really there is no limit, as long as you can explain through your application how your proposal will be of interest and of benefit to other DI users!

The event will be held Tuesday, July 26th from 5:30-8:00pm at the Hilton Eugene. [Applications](#) for participation are available as part of the conference brochure (see page 23) and are due June 1.

For more information about the Eugene conference and other summer trainings, visit us online:

[4th Annual Southwest DI Conference and Institute](#)

June 6-9, 2016  
San Antonio, Texas

[42nd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes](#)

July 25-29, 2016  
Eugene, Oregon

## Nominate an Educator for the Excellence in Education Award

An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success--success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:

- Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website.

Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so [download the application packet today!](#)



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Excellence in Education  
Award Winner-Marita  
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