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Parent Involvement, Student Motivation and Engagement in Direct Instruction Distance Learning

Monday, May 4

1:00–2:00pm Pacific, 4:00–5:00pm Eastern

Join NIFDI in this free forum for Direct Instruction educators!

Space is limited! Register today!



NIFDI Offers Free Forum on DI and Distance Learning

Last month NIFDI hosted two forums on Direct instruction and distance learning. A video of each of these is available on our website. The first forum addressed how to structure your distance learning classroom and can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>. The second, on considerations for delivering Direct Instruction in a virtual environment can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>.

As a follow-up to these two informative forums, we are hosting a third free session on Monday, May 4 at 1pm Pacific, 4pm Eastern. This forum, Parent Involvement, Student Motivation and Engagement in Direct Instruction Distance Learning, will be hosted by Bryan Wickman, NIFDI Outreach Coordinator. Panelists include

- Matt Hornbeck, Principal, Hampstead Hill Academy, Baltimore, Maryland
- Scott Aguila, Pre-K Teacher, City Spring Elementary, Baltimore, Maryland
- Tara Davis, NIFDI Implementation Manager, Wake Forest, North Carolina

Topics addressed will include:

- √ Role for parents in student practice
- √ Access to technology
- √ Ways to keep students engaged
- √ Adapting in-person motivational techniques to the virtual environment

... and, as time allows, answers to your questions!

Enrollment is limited. Sign up now and get the answers to your questions.

<u>Click here</u> to register for this free forum

If you have any questions please contact
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NIFDI Releases New Resources to Support Distance Learning!



NIFDI has produced two short video demonstrations to help educators deliver DI lessons remotely. One shows how a Corrective Reading Decoding lesson would be taught in a distance learning setting and how a coach could interact with an instructor. It also includes detailed information on how to access McGraw-Hill's connectEd platform. (See below for information related to free access to student material at my.mheducation.com.) The other video is an example of teaching Reading Mastery. This also shows how a DI coach can support an instructor remotely.

Please <u>watch these</u> short 10-12-minute clips and give us feedback as to their usefulness. If you have suggestions for other videos that would be helpful, send them to us at <u>training@nifdi.org!</u>

McGraw-Hill Provides Free Access to DI Student Material!



In response to the Covid-19 virus, McGraw-Hill is giving free access to student textbooks for Reading Mastery and Connecting Math Concepts for the rest of the 2020 school year (end of May). To gain access go to https://my.mheducation.com

Log In - DIstudent2020
Password - DIstudent2020

Note: this is just for textbooks (not workbooks). Corrective Reading Decoding textbooks are not available.

If you do not have an online subscription to Connect Ed, you can purchase one for 80 dollars. It is good for one year and covers multiple programs. Contact your McGraw-Hill sales representative. Click here to search for your sales representative.

National Direct Instruction Conference Registration Open!



We are still planning on holding the National DI Conference and registration is now open! For 46 years the National DI conference has been a mainstay for training on all of the major Direct Instruction programs. This year the conference will include a special presentation and overview session on the new *Reading Mastery Transformations Edition*, as well as specific program training on the kindergarten and first grade levels of the reading strand. As always, the conference includes many additional sessions related to DI, such as CHAMPS Behavior Management, research on DI, fluency building and much more. We also will continue to offer the very popular Trainer Training, Coaching and Administrator Institutes.

Click here for a complete brochure and registration.

If circumstances arise that force cancellation of the conference, all fees will be fully refunded. Please help us gauge demand for the conference by signing up for sessions now! We look forward to seeing you in Eugene this summer!

Nominate an Educator for an 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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