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For the attention of the principal

Update on professional development for secondary school middle leaders

This letter is to update you on progress made in the delivery of professional development for middle leaders in secondary schools as part of the Secondary Student Achievement contract funded by the Ministry of Education.

This professional development is being delivered through Team Solutions from the Faculty of Education at The University of Auckland. Our facilitators are locally based throughout the Ministry's Northern and Central North regions, supporting English-medium secondary schools in the regions of Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne and Hawkes Bay.

A focus on professional development for middle leaders

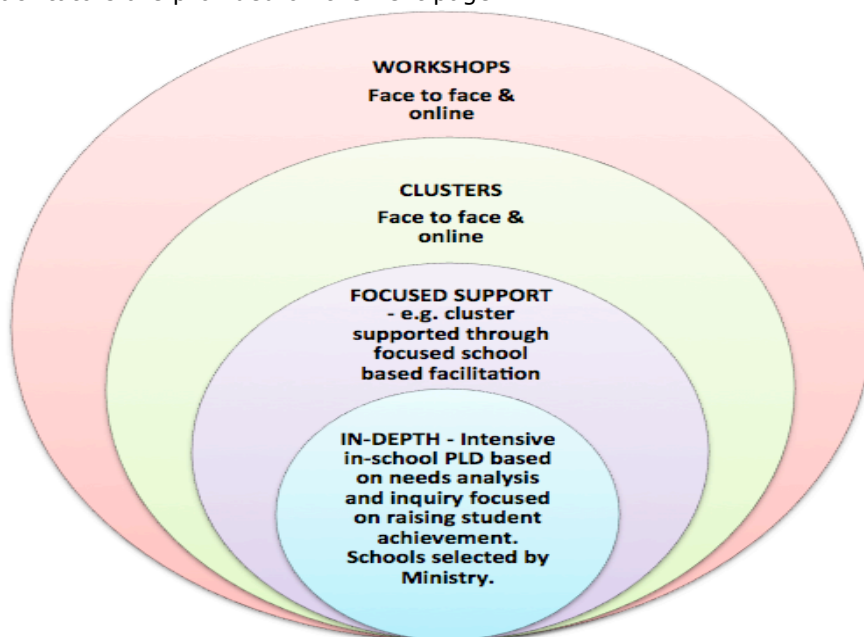
This professional development is targeted at middle leaders (including HODs, HOFs, literacy leaders and teachers in charge of subjects). The major objective is to help raise student achievement and to support middle leaders to become more effective leaders of learning in their schools. Focus areas include effective teaching, learning and assessment; the NCEA standards alignment process; subject specific literacy; and learning pathways that meet the needs of diverse learners. We are developing regional clusters so middle leaders can engage in collaborative problem solving and sharing of effective practice.

Professional development delivery methods

There are four delivery streams for this professional development, as illustrated below.

1. Regional workshops, available to all middle leaders.
2. Regional or e-clusters, available to all middle leaders.
3. Focused support, available to selected middle leaders based on identified local needs.
4. Indepth support, allocated through Ministry of Education regional offices.

Regional clusters have been established and we have delivered regional workshops in all learning areas. If your middle leaders have not connected with a workshop or cluster yet, email addresses for our facilitators are provided on the next page.



e-newsletters for middle leaders

Each term (sometimes more often) our facilitators email a newsletter targeted at middle leaders in each learning area, with information on regional clusters and workshops, effective curriculum and assessment practices and links to useful resources and exemplars.

Website

With the Ministry of Education we are developing a website as part of the TKI secondary portal so that our e-newsletters and information about regional clusters and workshops are more readily available to middle leaders and also to principals or school professional development co-ordinators who wish to check this information. We hope this website will be online in July and we will send you the link.

Further information

Schools wishing to explore opportunities for indepth support should contact their local Ministry of Education office. For all other enquiries about professional development for middle leaders, please contact: Karl Mutch, National Director, Secondary Student Achievement Contract:
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