

BRIGHT FUTURES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Save the dates for MDOE Bright Futures Statewide Webcasts

This is an opportunity to learn more about the Bright Futures Report. You're invited to join in the statewide conversation about middle grades teaching and learning. The webcasts will be facilitated by Chris Toy and Jill Spencer. It is recommended that you attend with a colleague, team or perhaps your entire middle school staff. Be present during the actual session and/or you can access it later on. The sessions will be taped and available on the web.

The topics, dates, and web links are listed below. To join, all you need to do is click on the link. All sessions are scheduled 3:00-4:00.

If you have questions please contact argy.nestor@maine.gov

Dates, Topics, and Meeting URLs

December 8, 2009:

- Introduction to *Bright Futures*
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf1/>

January 5, 2010:

- Accessible, relevant, challenging, and integrative curriculum
- Effective research-based instructional practices
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf2/>

February 2, 2010:

- Instructional practices anchored in 21st century literacies
- 1:1 learning technologies integrated throughout the curriculum
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf3/>

March 2, 2010:

- Learning processes characterized by creativity and innovation
- Courageous, collaborative, democratic leadership
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf4/>

April 6, 2010:

- A safe, caring, inclusive climate
- Structures that maximize sense of community, support meaningful relationships, and optimize curriculum delivery
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf5/>

May 4, 2010:

- Diverse and comprehensive co-curricular programs
- Professional development that models effective teaching and learning
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf6/>

June 1, 2010:

- Parents are actively involved as partners
- Staff are knowledgeable about young adolescents and enjoy working with them
<http://stateofmaine.na4.acrobat.com/bf7/>