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TO: All Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: **Research Based Reading Interventions Training**


The Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is providing professional development for RtI Tier 2 and Tier 3 reading interventions which are located on the ESE Website: <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/ese/documents/FallStaffDevelopmentCalendar2011-2012.pdf> and on the Monthly Academic Calendar. ESE has outlined information below to assist in determining the most appropriate professional development sessions for teachers to attend.

Wilson Just Words is a Tier 2 Supplemental Intervention Reading Program (SIRP) for groups of up to 15 students who are able to retain and generalize rules of language and require explicit decoding and spelling instruction (word attack scores between the 15th and 50th percentile). Implementation requires 5 days per week for 45 minutes each day and one year to complete. One teacher kit will be provided to each teacher attending. Schools will be responsible for purchasing additional student materials.

The **Wilson Reading System** is a Tier 2, or most appropriately a *Tier 3 intervention* for students who are able to retain and generalize rules of language and who have severe phonemic awareness and decoding deficits that impact all areas of reading (word attack scores between the 0 and 15th percentile). Implementation of WRS requires 5 days per week for 45-60 minutes each day or 3 days per week for 90 minutes each day for two to three years. Schools should plan to schedule groups to receive at least 2 consecutive years of instruction in program. One teacher kit will be provided to each teacher attending. Schools will be responsible for purchasing additional student materials.

Please contact Jennifer Pizzi, ESE Specialist, at jennifer.pizzi@palmbeachschools.org to enroll teachers. Participants will be contacted prior to the training to confirm registration.

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Approved: 
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