



BTSA Staff Key Names and Numbers to know:

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BTSA Keys: Learning from ourselves and each other



Another key to success: pushing beyond what you know and what is comfortable to help further student learning.

It's winter already and half of the school year is gone! Rejuvenation is one key to success for all of those new teachers out there. It's time to charge their batteries and get them ready for the New Year!



The **BTSA Website** has been launched! The site contains everything from **FAQ's** to **forms**. All important information will be displayed and updated regularly. Visit www.stancoe.org/btsa and check it out!

The **Administrators' Academy Breakfasts** have been completed. Please be sure you have connected with the principals who have participating teachers on their campuses. Please introduce yourself and let them know you are there to aid your PTs in achieving the goal of clearing their credentials. Also, please remember to send in or fax the Administrator's Visitation Form you picked up at Grand SP day to verify that the principal you signed up to check in with has been contacted.

To help catch those Participating Teachers who are **between the old BTSA Induction requirements and SB1209 and new Induction standard requirements**, there is information on our website at www.stancoe.org/btsa. Just click the sidebar link for SB1209 AKI Transitional Cohort and read on! Please help pass the word and encourage those PTs to contact the BTSA office if they have any questions.

Kick-Off and Blast-Off are both complete. As are the **Engagement and Lesson Analysis** days. Up next is **Drafting the IIP**. As your PTs talk about all of the wonderful things they would love to do in the classroom, jot those ideas down. You never know when it might turn into a GREAT Individual Induction Plan question. (Thank you to Richard Stone from Ceres USD, for the great idea!)

Lead Support Providers. Please be sure to submit your Monthly Lead Log (the recording of SP time spent with PTs) for the month. Also, remember to submit your agendas from your monthly Support Provider Meetings or a list of district/county BTSA topics and issues you have been dealing with. These are due by the 10th of each month faxed to SCOE or emailed to Ruth DesRoches: rdesroches@stancoe.org
Support Providers, if you use MS Outlook for your email, here is a great idea: use your Outlook calendar for all of your SP/PT interactions. At the end of the month, just print it off and transfer the information to your SP log. (Thank you Susan Engstrom from Ceres, USD for the great idea!) Remember that

ALL contact and support is listed in the top calendar half of the log. The actual entry work is placed on the tables below. At the very bottom is the **grand total** of all time spent with your PT.

Grade-Alike registration is closed and sessions are underway! We have had wonderful responses from PTs about how much they are enjoying Grade-Alike. Christine Sisco will be visiting Grade-Alike sessions and taking pictures of all of the wonderful collaboration going on. Thank you for all of your hard work in making Grade-Alike a success. And a special "thank you" to all of the Grade-Alike coordinators who pull it all together!



Remember, if a PT misses a session of Grade-Alike, there is the opportunity to make up the session. The PT just needs to talk with the Grade-Alike coordinator and fill out a short form to arrange to attend another grade-level's session. It's as simple as that. The master schedule for all Grade-Alikes is on the website so you can see all of the dates available. Also, help your PTs remember to work on the homework sheets as they go along. They will be due on the last night of Grade-Alike to turn in to CSU Stanislaus along with their registration for units.

Mandatory online consent registration is closed! Thank you to everyone for such a great response. Everyone we have registered in our database is now registered with the state. We appreciate all of your help in getting such a large number of SPs and PTs online.



The big move is on its way. The BTSA department will be changing location within the SCOE building. After the first of the year, all BTSA staff members will be located downstairs across from the fountain and security station. We are very excited about the new centralized location. Now when you need a staff member, you don't have to jog the stairs or search the mazes of desks. Drop in and say hello!

The 20th Century Mentor Handbook (p. 108-113) tips for the quarter:

- **Focus on planning practices** (Chapter VII of *Why Didn't I learn this in College?*)
- **Notice and comment on appropriate professional dress**
- **Help your PTs recognize "cabin fever" by surprising them with a paper palm tree and Hawaiian music**
- **Help your PTs keep parents informed of the learning that is occurring and the upcoming testing. Help them create a newsletter...use it as evidence for Communications with Families in their binder**
- **Just before standardized testing events, review the policies and procedures for administering the assessment.**