**ECET2 Ohio Regional Convening**

In collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for OAC educators to participate in a two-day learning experience **designed by teachers, for teachers**. This is a chance to connect with fellow educators in the OAC, share ideas and stories, and reclaim the joy in their teaching practice! These educators will be teacher-nominated through a process facilitated in the district by your PDC. We will send an email with instructions and the nomination flyer to PDCs early next week. If you would like to see a copy of the nomination flyer please email Colleen McElligott.

**What is ECET2?** The Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers (ECET2) network provides a forum for exceptional teachers to learn from one another and to celebrate the teaching profession. These convenings harness the power of teacher leader networks to deepen learning and to improve the teaching practice to better serve students. ECET2 is built on the belief that teachers hold the keys to ensuring that policy is well-informed, instructional shifts are made with fidelity, and educators are equipped with the right professional development supports to be effective in the classroom.

**When and Where:** Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30, 2014 at Burr Oak State Park Lodge

**Who:** We are asking **teachers of the OAC** to nominate candidates from your district to attend this convening. The district PDC will help us collect nomination forms and facilitate the selection process. We are looking for teachers who exhibit the following:

* Investment in the students of rural Ohio
* Investment in the school community
* Pride in the profession and pride in their school
* Positive attitude toward students and their ability to learn
* Passion about subject matter and pedagogy
* Team player mentality

**Selection Process:** Your district PDC will facilitate the selection process. Ideally, they will share this information with teachers at the first day of teacher training for the new school year, but we realize that the timeline is tight. We will leave it to the discretion of the PDC to initiate the selection process. We will also provide links of videos and websites with more information about ECET2 for them to share with teachers. The selection of three teachers will need to be completed by **August 29, 2014**. We will share a detailed agenda of the convening toward the end of August as we finalize things.

**How Much:** To encourage teachers and alleviate district costs, we are offering this experience at no cost for **three teachers** from your district.

* Each district can send **three** people to this unique event at no cost to the district. **Costs covered by OAC** are food, hotel, substitute teacher pay, and materials (not including mileage).
* If you would like to send more than three teachers, the **district would encumber the costs** for additional spots.

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