

WISCONSIN CHAPTER OF NATIONAL AT-RISK EDUCATION NETWORK

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Learning Communities

Learning communities are groups of individuals who come together with a shared purpose and agreement to construct new understandings. A place where people continually expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire, where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free, and where people are continually learning how to learn together.

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From the President:

Okay kids, here are the "Top Assembly and Senate Races" where seats up for elections this year that could have a profound affect on what is accomplished in our state:

Assembly	7 th District	28 th District	36 th District	37 th District	43 rd District	47 th District
	49 th District	53 rd District	57 th District	68 th District	80 th District	88 th District
	90 th District	91 st District	93 rd District	92 nd District	93 rd District	96 th District
Senate	8 th District	10 th District	12 th District	18 th District	22 nd District	30 th District
	32 nd District					

Check what is happening in your area.

If you need to find your Legislators, go to <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/>

State Elections

We are in a “do or die” situation this fall. All our school districts are struggling to financially keep up with our students’ needs and our changing global expectations. Even those districts that were able to pass referendums are limited to their spending. Tax payers are being expected to pay far more than their share. We need to elect law makers who are serious about educational funding reform. We cannot continue to expect taxpayers to pay more and more when our businesses are paying less and less and receiving more and more legislative support. Know your politicians. Know their record or position. We must elect officials who have a plan to change the direction our state school funding is going.

Scholarship Winners

Sharron Scott, Seymour Community High School

Liesha Caitlin Thomas, Chippewa Valley High School

David Brandenburg, Merrill High School
are NARENWICH’s Scholarship winners for this year. Please check our web-site for these inspiring students’ bios.

Each student has won a \$500 scholarship and free attendance at the 2009 NARENWICH Convention at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

Upcoming NARENWICH Elections

Please consider running for any of the following 2009 Open Seats on the Board and inform Randy Hughes of your interest:

President Region 1 (CESA’s 10&11)	President Elect Region 2(CESA’s 9&12)	Treasurer Region 4(CESA’s 3&4)	Secretary
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NARENWICH News

If you have changed e-mail or if know of anyone who is not receiving their quarterly NARENWICH Newsletter, please let Betsy know at: haltibet@gcsd.k12.wi.us

Thank You for all you give our students!!

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2009 NARENWICH Conference

March 5 & 6 2009

The Paper Valley Hotel (Radisson) 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 733-8000 or (888) 201-1718 info@radissonpapervalley.com .

Keynote Speaker: Jodee Blanco

She will also be providing an seventy-five minute breakout on Friday

Marketing Letter

We will be sending out the following letter to district administration. Feel free to give a copy to someone you love! (It is on our web-site) Let us know if there are other folks you think we should send it to.

National At-Risk Education Network Wisconsin Chapter (NARENWICH) Fall 2008



September 19, 2008

Dear Superintendent – Pupil Service – Counselors – School Board Members,

Below is a brief offer of boundless resources for your **At-Risk Students and the Staff**. The six year-old National At-Risk Education Network Wisconsin CHapter (**NARENWICH** – www.narenwich.org) is an educators organization who can offer your staff and programs the following services:

Conferences Quarterly Newsletter/Journal Student Scholarships
Resources & Network for At-Risk/Alternative Education Professionals
Regional Recognition of At-Risk/Alternative Education Professionals
Regional At-Risk/Alternative Educators Meetings

NARENWICH Mission – NARENWICH meets the needs of parents, students, and educational professionals and is dedicated to the improvement of services and opportunities for at-risk youth. This includes recognizing and supporting learners to develop their personal and educational potential while acting as agents of change within the traditional education system.

Annual Conference Focus – Brain Based Research, AODTA/Mental Health Resources, Differentiation in the Classrooms, Professional Development, Staff Wellness, Innovative Programming, Enlisting Community Resources, Restorative Practices, Career and Technical Education, and much more.

For detailed information on membership and our annual conference, please refer to our website: www.narenwich.org . Please share this letter with your staff who works with at-risk students and alternative education programs

Thank you,

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