FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
Center of Excellence
to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty

PARTNER DISTRICT SCIENCE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations Now Accepted – Notification by 8/30/06

Standards-Based Science Units for Children of Poverty

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to design standards-based science units that are specifically designed to meet the needs of children living in poverty, and that are based on the revised Bloom's Taxonomy of educational objectives, incorporate activities and materials that engage students in learning, and emphasize the alignment of standards/indicators, instruction, and assessment.

Description: Teams of three teachers per grade level (K through 8) will meet in large and small group sessions to design standards-based science units for children of poverty. A successful model to facilitate the design of these units has been developed by Dr. Lorin Anderson.

Facilitators: Anderson Research Group (including Dr. Lorin Anderson, Dr. Andrea Keim and/or Dr. Pat Mohr) will provide the majority of instruction and supervision of the work; FMU science and education faculty will serve as content and pedagogy reviewers.

District Requirements: Substitutes must be provided to enable participant teachers to attend large group meetings held during the school day/school year (see schedule below).

Resources Needed from Schools and Districts: 27 teachers (9 grade levels x 3 teachers) will be needed for the project. Each Partner District should submit at least 2 participant nominees representing each grade level (K through 8). *Please ensure that all nominees are willing to participate if selected*. ***Individual teachers are encouraged to nominate themselves as participants.***

Schedule:

Initial Training Sessions:	September 19, 2006	12 noon – 5 pm
	September 20, 2006	12 noon – 5 pm
Small Group Work Sessions:	Determined and scheduled by grade level teams	
Mid-Point Training Session:	December 6, 2006	12 noon – 5 pm
Concluding Work Session:	April 26, 2007	12 noon – 5 pm

Work Session Location: Pee Dee Education Center Conference Room

Participant Teacher Honorarium:
1) $2000 (pending final budget approval)
2) opportunities to receive either graduate credit or professional development course credit at significantly reduced rate.

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Classroom Teacher NOMINEES

A minimum of 2 participants will be selected from each Partner District. We will make every attempt to include each Partner District's first two nominees (listed below); however, in an attempt to create a working group of 3 teachers per grade level from 3 different districts/schools, alternates may need to be selected. Please be certain that the first two nominees are NOT from the same grade level, and confirm each nominee's willingness to participate prior to submittal.

Grade Level Name Phone Number Contacts E-mail Address

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Alternate Teacher Nominees:

Grade Name Phone Number Contacts E-mail Address

K _____

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

5th _____

6th _____

7th _____

8th _____

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Signature of Nominating Administrator (or Teacher) *Date*

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. THIS FORM MAY ALSO BE USED BY INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 30, 2006.