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**3RD ANNUAL
RURAL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE 2008
October 22 - 24
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel**

Rural Communities Working Together to Enhance Student Learning

New Rural Teachers (NRT) Cohort Program

The Rural Strategy Committee is pleased to invite your district to participate in a “New rural Teachers” event being offered to rural districts by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Rural Schools Conference.

We would like to invite your district to participate in a “New Rural Teachers” event being offered to rural districts by the Ministry of Education at the 3rd Annual Rural Conference on October 22-24. A cohort of 100 teachers with less than 2 years experience will not only experience the conference, they will also engage in face-to-face sessions embedded within the conference program

We are pleased to offer a comprehensive face-to-face and on-line program in partnership with Faye Brownlie. The intent is to start the conversation during the 3rd Annual Rural Conference and continue professional development work together during the school year through the use of ‘Elluminate Live’ software and the support of an experienced teacher/coach.

This year, the New Rural Teacher Program will include an evening orientation session, a full day workshop with Faye Brownlie, participation in the Rural Conference and five on-line sessions with experienced rural classroom coaches on the following themes:

1. Learning on-Line November 3
2. Assessment and Evaluation December 8
3. Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning January 26
4. Interactive teaching and learning strategies for Literacy March 2
5. Interactive teaching and learning strategies for Numeracy April 13

The Rural Strategy asks that participating teachers commit to full participation in the New Rural Teachers’ Program; including periodic conversations with their cohort members and coach.

The Ministry of Education will partner with school districts to financially support the New Rural Teachers (NRT) Cohort program and has increased the number supported by travel grants to rural districts for this year's conference to include two NRT Cohort participants

While you will register your New Rural Teacher Cohort members with your district team – we would like to develop an early list of those teachers for planning purposes. Please contact Janice Rittinger by September 26th at jrittinger@gw.sd74.bc.ca or by phoning 250-453-9101 to provide name, position, e-mail address.

For the conference in general, please note the following.

For additional information,

Contact Janice Rittinger – Secretary, Rural Strategy at 250-453-9151 or jrittinger@gw.sd74.bc.ca

To register please follow this link:

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