PDS Mentor Teacher/Student Teacher Co-Teaching Mini-Grant Application Instructions

All Student Teacher-Mentor Teacher pairs in PDS partner schools are encouraged to apply for mini-grants of up to $300 from the Buffalo State PDS Consortium to implement a co-teaching activity or model. For the purposes of this mini-grant, co-teaching is defined as two teachers (mentor teacher and student teacher) working together with groups of students, sharing the planning, organization, delivery, and assessment of instruction, as well as the physical space (Heck, Bacharach, & Dahlberg, 2010). Additional information about co-teaching is available at http://pds.buffalostate.edu/resources-3.

The following materials should be submitted by the indicated deadline to apply for this mini-grant. The co-teaching project must be implemented in the classroom while the student teacher is assigned to the mentor teacher's classroom. Send materials to Dr. Keli Garas-York (garasyka@buffalostate.edu).

Application Deadlines:

- June 1: for projects starting in the summer or fall
- September 15: for projects starting in the fall or spring
- January 15: for projects starting in the spring

Cover sheet:

- Title of Project
- PDS Partner Site
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Mentor Teacher
- Student Teacher

Proposed project:

1. List of project participants including telephone numbers, email addresses, and project role.
2. Description of project
   a. Describe the proposed project in three-four sentences.
   b. How does this project address a current need?
3. Assessment Plan
   a. List <u>measurable or demonstrable</u> goals for this project.
   b. How will you determine if the goals were met?
      i. Some possible methods to assess measurable or demonstrable goals include:
         1. Collecting appropriate data such as frequency, duration, etc.
         2. Direct observation
         3. Pre/post measures
         4. Surveys
         5. Written materials: journals, notes, samples of student work, comments that are then recorded
4. Budget – A maximum of $300 may be requested.
   NOTE: Grant money cannot be used for SUNY Buffalo State faculty stipends, but grant money may be used to cover substitute teacher costs for attendance at the annual PDS conference.
   a. How much money are you requested?
   b. How will the money be spent (be specific)?
5. All Mini-Grant recipients are expected to participate on a panel to present the results of their project at either the annual PDS conference or at a PDS Consortium meeting. In what other ways do you plan to disseminate your results?