



MID-WEST RBERN WEEKLY NOTES

*A weekly roundup of news and information from the
Mid-West Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network*

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FROM NYSED: NYSITELL Level 1 Guidance Documents

NYSED has released guidance documents to help with the administration of the Level I of 2018 NYSITELL, which will begin to be administered on June 1, 2018. This level is only to be administered to new students who will first be attending kindergarten between September 1 and January 31.

Access the newly released materials here:

- NYSITELL Level I Memo- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysitell/2018/1317-level1-18.pdf>
- Introduction to Level I- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/nysitell/2018/nysitell-intro18.pdf>

Learning A-Z

Summer PD from School Library Services (for Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES districts ONLY)

- **10 Things You Never Knew About Reading A-Z** - 8/7, 9:00-12:00
This session shows you how the leveled books in Reading A-Z, along with the wide breadth of resources that accompany them, can be used to increase your students' reading proficiency.
 - **Continuing the Journey with Raz-Kids** - 8/7, 1:00-3:00
Review how to navigate the online, leveled library of fiction and nonfiction books in Raz-Kids, and help your students become proficient readers.
 - **Raz-Plus: New Features** - 8/8, 9:00-3:00
This full day session introduces participants to the new, enhanced features of Raz-Plus.
- For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.mylearningplan.com/webreg/catalog.asp?H=1&D=18636>



New English & Spanish Exhibit: Science + You / Ciencia + Tú - May 17-August 5

This hands-on exhibit encourages investigation and problem solving to help children understand the role science plays in health and wellness worldwide, featuring exhibit panels in English and Spanish.

<http://www.rmssc.org/science-museum/exhibits/item/522-science-you>



FREE Immigration Resources

Please see the attached program description (in several languages) for free legal assistance for those wanting help in applying for US Citizenship, offered by Naturalize NY and locally through Catholic Family Center here in Rochester.

- Interested individuals may register for a \$725 fee voucher by June 15th at: www.NaturalizeNY.org
- Learn more about Immigration Services offered at CFC here: <https://www.cfcrochester.org/our-services/welcoming-refugees/immigration-services/#immigration-services>



Within Our Reach: New Equity Coalition Report on Course Access

Please find attached the New York Equity Coalition's report, *Within Our Reach*. The report focuses on middle and high school students' access to courses, advising, and other support that will prepare them for college and careers, and finds that Latino and Black students are denied access to a range of "gatekeeper" courses and to adequate advising. The coalition proposes a "5x25" agenda, or 5 Commitments in place for the Class of 2025's middle and high school experience.



IN THE NEWS: How teachers of all races can better support students of color

This is an excerpt from the new book "The ELL Teacher's Toolbox: Hundreds of Practical Ideas to Support Your Students."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2018/05/03/how-teachers-of-all-races-can-better-support-students-of-color/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a50632a86f21

A candidate for the NYS Seal of Biliteracy from East High School prepares for her panel presentation.



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Our Goal at Mid-West RBERN:

The Mid-West Regional Bilingual Resource Network is part of the NYS Education Department's network of support for schools.

The goal of RBERN is to assist districts and schools in creating an educational environment for English Language Learners which engages everyone in meaningful teaching and learning.

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