



Teaching is the Core:

To: Brasher Falls Central School District
From: St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Department of Data and Assessments
Re: Grant Award

Congratulations, the Teaching is the Core Grant has been approved. SLLBOCES is the lead organization for the consortium of districts for the Teaching is the Core Grant that will receive \$400,000.00 to review and refine student assessments and practices. The following districts comprise the consortium: Brasher Falls, Canton, Clifton-Fine, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington, Massena, Morristown, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg, Parishville-Hopkinton, Potsdam.

The Grant's Goals: Determine which assessments support the instructional goals of the district; Determine an appropriate action plan that will minimize unnecessary assessment and increase the use of diverse and quality assessment practices by developing or selecting new assessments if possible; Use diversified assessment strategies, including a review of common assessments for all purposes, including annual professional performance review, APPR; Establish a professional development program that will aid teachers in identifying high-quality assessments and improving assessment practices.

