Dear Secondary Principal,

The Special Education Department is offering professional development to support coteaching instruction. Research indicates that students with disabilities that receive core specially designed instruction by expert teachers in general education classes have better learning outcomes and higher proficiency on state assessments.

The 2021-2022 Co-teaching Professional Development will consist of:

- A commitment by the school administrator and co-teaching teams to participate in a 2 two-year co-teaching professional development cohort
- Year 1 will include 4 full-day professional development days throughout the school year. The professional development dates for the 2021-22 school year are: September 30, November 11, January 27, and March 31.
- Year 2 will also include 4 full-day professional development days.
- Substitute costs for both teachers will be paid for by Special Education.
- The PD will focus on the use of co-teaching models, the roles and responsibilities for co-teachers, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), specially designed instruction, facilitated planning and coaching, and evidence-based practices Language Arts and Math to support instruction in general education settings.
- Observations and coaching will be conducted onsite or via digital recording.

Interested schools will need to submit the attached application no later than **September 3**, **2021** to Amanda Bollinger. The co-teaching cohort will be capped at 13 teams/26 individuals. A signature on the completed application indicates that the principal is committed to supporting the teachers' commitments in the co-teaching PD described above.

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