Hello Principals,

This year we are reworking our leadership model to focus on Being A Writer. Rather than having "Literacy Leaders", we will be starting a "Being A Writer Teacher Leader Cohort".

The Developmental Studies Center Reps will be here December 8, 9, 10, 11. Each day they will be meeting with **BAW Teacher Leaders and Principals** by Region.

During this day, the cohort and principals will have the opportunity to observe the DSC Rep plan and teach a lesson. After the lesson, the DSC Rep will lead a debrief session to discuss any questions. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and help problem solve issues that may be surfacing in your building.

Monday, December 8- South Region Tuesday, December 9- Churchill Region Wednesday, December 10- Sheldon Region Thursday, December 11- North Region *meeting locations TBD *meeting times will all be 8:00- 3:00

Please work with your staff to **designate 2 teachers (a k-2 rep and a 3-5 rep)**. These BAW Teacher Leaders, *along with principals*, will be working with the Developmental Studies Center reps to deepen their learning of the BAW program **with a focus on disseminating that knowledge out to the rest of your staff**. The hope is that these teachers are interested in writing, and excited to be part of this team.

Part of the responsibilities of the Teacher Leaders will be to share learning at staff meetings, so ideally they would be comfortable sharing in front of your staff. We do not expect they will need to do additional work outside of the release time given. Willingness to share and discuss the instructional ins and outs of the being a writer program would be a desirable quality for the teacher leaders.

Release time will be provided for BAW Teacher Leaders.

Best, Kathy Luiten & Gretta Sagolla