**Date of Event:** December 10, 2009  
**Location:** Columbia Sheraton, Columbia, MD

Research-Based Practices in K-12 Literacy

- **8:00 AM**  
  **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

- **9:00 AM**  
  **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
  Debbie Drown, MAESP Executive Director  
  Gene Streagle, MASSP Executive Director

- **9:10 AM**  
  **REL INTRODUCTION AND LAB OVERVIEW**  
  Dr. Edgar Stewart, REL Mid-Atlantic State Coordinator

- **9:20 AM**  
  **WHAT WORKS CLEARINGHOUSE OVERVIEW**  
  Representative of REL Mid-Atlantic

- **9:50 AM**  
  10 minute break for setup and room change

- **10:00 AM**  
  **MAIN PRESENTATIONS – 2 BREAKOUT ROOMS**

  **Room 1:**  
  *IES Practice Guide, Assisting Students Struggling with Reading: Response to Intervention (RtI) and Multi-Tier Intervention in the Primary Grades*  
  Dr. Russell Gersten, RG Research Group

  **Room 2:**  
  *Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom and Intervention Practices*  
  Dr. Janis Dole, University of Utah

- **10:50 AM**  
  10 minute break for setup and speaker change

- **11:00 AM**  
  **PANEL DISCUSSION**

  **Panel 1:**  
  RtI REading  
  Facilitated by Edgar Stewart, REL Mid-Atlantic State Coordinator

  **Panel 2:**  
  Adolescent Literacy  
  Facilitated by Naomi Szekeres, REL Mid-Atlantic Lab Extension Specialist

- **11:30 AM**  
  **PANEL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- **12:00 Noon**  
  **WORKING LUNCH**  
  During this time, Lab Extension Specialists will be assisted by event speakers and staff to engage practitioners in roundtable discussions to address the practical applications and overlaps between elementary and secondary school literacy.

- **1:00 PM**  
  **RESEARCH TO PRACTICE SESSIONS**
During this time, practitioners will return to their breakout rooms for research experts to present additional information on implementing the strategies provided in the practice guides presented during the first half of the forum.

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1:50 PM 10 minute break and return to ballroom

2:00 PM **WRAP UP AND REFLECTION**
Dr. Edgar Stewart, REL Mid-Atlantic State Coordinator
During this time, the REL LES team will invite questions and comments to sum up the entire event. Participants will be able to draw connections between the different research sessions attended throughout the day and make suggestions for follow-up.

2:10 PM **CLOSING**
Debbie Drown, MAESP Executive Director
Gene Streagle, MASSP Executive Director
During this time, MAESP and MASSP leaders will thank all participants for attending the event and make any business announcements pertinent to audience members.

2:30 PM **EVENT ENDS**