

# Wachusett Regional School District

Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TUFTS UNIVERSITY PRESENTS A SUMMER INSTITUTE...

## Putting Writers' Workshop into Practice in Grades 4-8

The year we have spent exploring Writers' Workshop has been both exciting and challenging. We have experimented with units of study, focus lessons, conferring, and small-group instruction. As we examined student work, we considered new benchmarks and rubrics for evaluating student performance. Our students have revealed to us their successes in writing, as well as their areas of need, throughout the year. Join us in a summer institute, titled *Putting Writers' Workshop into Practice*, as we tackle some of the lingering questions we have and look ahead toward full implementation of Writers' Workshop in the coming year.

During the institute, we will accomplish the following:

- Develop focus lessons for grade-level units of study
- Examine the benchmarks and rubrics that correlate to these units of study
- Identify student writing to serve as exemplars

Institute attendees will work in grade-specific groups to accomplish these tasks with the guidance of Tufts partners and the support of our district literacy coaches. All 4-8 teachers implementing Writers' Workshop are invited to join us as participants in this institute on **July 20-23 from 9:00-12:00**.

Participants should bring the following resources to the institute:

- Any unit calendars for Writers' Workshop developed/used this year
- Six examples (two high, medium, and low) of student writing within a particular genre/unit of study

Professional development points will be awarded for this institute. Register by visiting [www.wrsd.net/literacy](http://www.wrsd.net/literacy) and clicking on the Professional Development Registration link. Please contact Kelley Gangi if you have any questions about this offering.

### Who?

- 4-8 teachers implementing WW

### When?

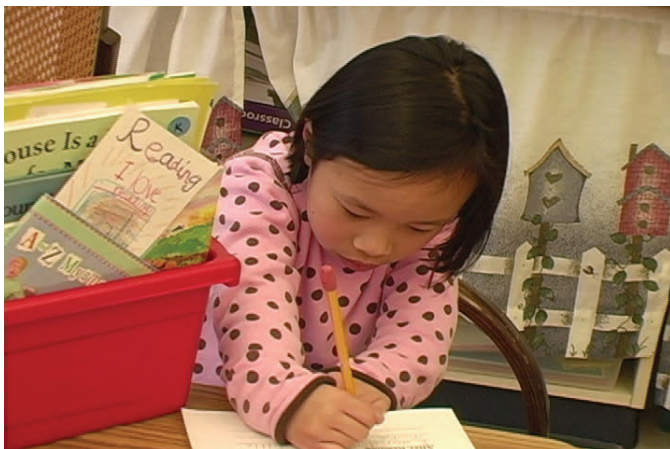
- July 20-23
- 9:00-12:00

### Where?

- Central Tree MS

### What?

- Develop focus lessons
- Identify exemplars
- Experiment with rubrics



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