ELA Program Network Meeting
September 28, 1998

Spring Superintendents' Conference Day March 19, 1999. This has been scheduled as a regional conference, but districts may opt not to participate. John will include a list of possible topics with these minutes.

Some members attended the English Department Chairs meeting last Thursday. Information and discussion items were shared.   Gail will contact Jo Slovak to get more information from this meeting. John shared the options presented to school superintendents for grading the ELA 4 and 8 assessments. They will be voting later this month.

We discussed possible agenda items for future meetings:
- Share best practices that help us to meet each ELA Standard. We could produce an ELA document K-12 to share among districts.
- How are districts preparing/remediating students? Are there any programs that target students at risk?
- Every meeting we need to take time to share "current" information on state testing so that everyone can have access to the same information.

On-line Courses:
Check www.edutech.org to check on these courses. These courses are set up in two phases. Phase one is a two-hour session. Phase two may be by invitation only and is 7-10 hours in length. ELA 4 will be available October 2. ELA 8 will be available on November 1. See your RIC representative for more information on this.

Self-reflection:
We chose to complete the "Program Networks-Current State" sheet as a group. Did we create a document based on our work last year to give back to our districts? Do we need to consider a half-day of release time to finalize the research we reviewed last year?

Important Person to Know:
Ronnie Mortensen, BOCES meeting coordinator for the Program Networks. She can be reached at 315-332-7439 or at rmortensen @edutech.org

Goal:
- To have specific information to take back to our districts to help all students in our area to be successful with the ELA Standards and the ELA assessments.

Next meeting:
November 16, 1998 at the Eisenhower Building in Newark in the Large Conference Room.

The agenda is as follows:
1. Update regarding the state assessments.
2. Bring any task analyses or specific tasks to help prepare students for the new assessments.