

**DCCCD Incentive Funding  
Retention Awards  
Executive Summary**

**REPLICATION AWARDS:**

**Replicate Retention Planning Process in use at Northlake College using Strategic Planning Online Software and Joining the CRSDE**

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Collaboration: BHC, ECC, MVC and NLC  
Award Amount: \$37,750 Award Period: 4 semesters

Cedar Valley College will improve student retention and institutional student learning outcomes by implementing the planning and data exchange processes used by NLC, ECC, and BHC. The use of the **Strategic Planning Online (SPOL)** software will allow Cedar Valley College to become more effective and efficient in planning, budgeting, and implementing student retention strategies. SPOL will also permit the tracking of progress and strategic goals and objectives.

Mountain View College is submitting the same replication award application during this cycle. CVC and MVC were already awarded a collaborative DCCCD retention award during the first round to improve developmental math success of FTIC students from southern Dallas County high schools. This replication award will enable CVC and MVC to better coordinate, plan, implement, and track the initial award in a more effective manner along with a variety of other college-specific retention initiatives. North Lake College is the leader in institutionalizing the SPOL software. El Centro and Brookhaven Colleges began implementation of SPOL as well with guidance from a SPOL consultant. These three colleges, in addition, joined the Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) and are building databases to track student retention and goal attainment. By replicating these processes, Cedar Valley College and Mountain View College will learn from the experiences of the other district participants and plan to implement them as early as Fall 2009.