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On the Fly 2012-2013

At VROC we are always looking to improve our programs in an effort to make them as effective as possible for teachers, students and experts. *On the Fly* was an exciting new VROC pilot program offered in the 2011-2012 school year. Based on the review and thoughtful comments we received from teachers and experts, we are making changes to the structure of the program for 2012-2013.

Phase one matched a teacher with an expert for a semester. The goal was to provide students with the opportunity to connect with an expert weekly at a prescheduled time. We found scheduling conflicts, timetable changes and other commitments interfered with the prearranged meeting times. This limited the students' ability to connect with the expert and have their questions answered. We also found that teachers and students wanted more frequent access to the expert to get answers to their questions as they came to mind.

With this feedback VROC will be rolling out phase two of the *On the Fly* program. Teachers participating in the program in 2012 will be placed in videoconferencing groups based on specialty (ie. biology, chemistry, math, etc.). Starting in September 2012, when a teacher logs into the video conferencing program (ClearSea) they will see a list of experts relevant to their speciality. With one click teachers will have access to experts online, available and ready to take the call. The call will be brief (5-10 minutes), unscheduled and spontaneous. In short, a true expert on call!

This is a new and exciting step for the *On the Fly* program. The VROC team is eagerly anticipating phase two and looking forward to the upcoming school year. To continue or initiate involvement in the *On the Fly* program please contact me through one of the methods listed below.

We appreciate your continued interest in VROC!

Sincerely,



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