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*Today's Learners... Tomorrow's Leaders*



McHenry Elementary School District 15

# **OUR JOURNEY TO LITERACY BEST PRACTICE**

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## National Literacy Spotlight District: One of Three Districts in United States

- Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Team
- Center for Research in Educational Policy



Fountas & Pinnell  
LITERACY™



***More to come on this...***

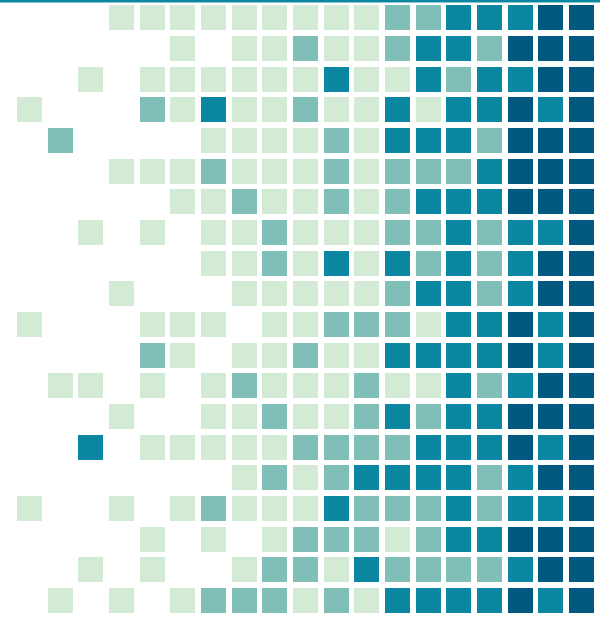


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## What Matters...

**“It has become clearer that investing in effective teaching – whether in hiring decisions or professional development planning – is the most ‘research-based’ strategy available. We must focus on creating a substantially larger number of effective, expert teachers.”**

**~Dr. Richard Allington**



# What is a Comprehensive Literacy Model

## *All In and Ongoing*

- **INTELLECTUAL & PHYSICAL LITERACY INFRASTRUCTURE: *The Neverending Story***
- Hiring Practices
- Schedules, Interventions, Furniture, Materials, Bookrooms
- Professional Development for ALL: Administrators, Classroom, Reading Intervention, SpEd, Bilingual/Dual Language, LMC
- Informative Assessment & Authentic, Beautiful Books
- Technology
- New Teacher Literacy Course (TLC)
- Ongoing Support Forever: Lesson Models & Lesson Observation/Feedback, ILCs, ICs, SDWs, Article/Book Studies, Professional Development Opportunities, Learning Services Team
- Parents as Partners: Literacy Nights, Newsletters, Give-A-Book/Take-A-Book, Free Libraries

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How?

## The Gradual Release of Responsibility Model: For Educators *and* Children

- **MODEL**: We learn by watching experts
- **GUIDE**: We practice with expert guidance
- **APPLY**: We continue to hone our craft independently & with reflection





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# Expert Teachers and Beautiful Books

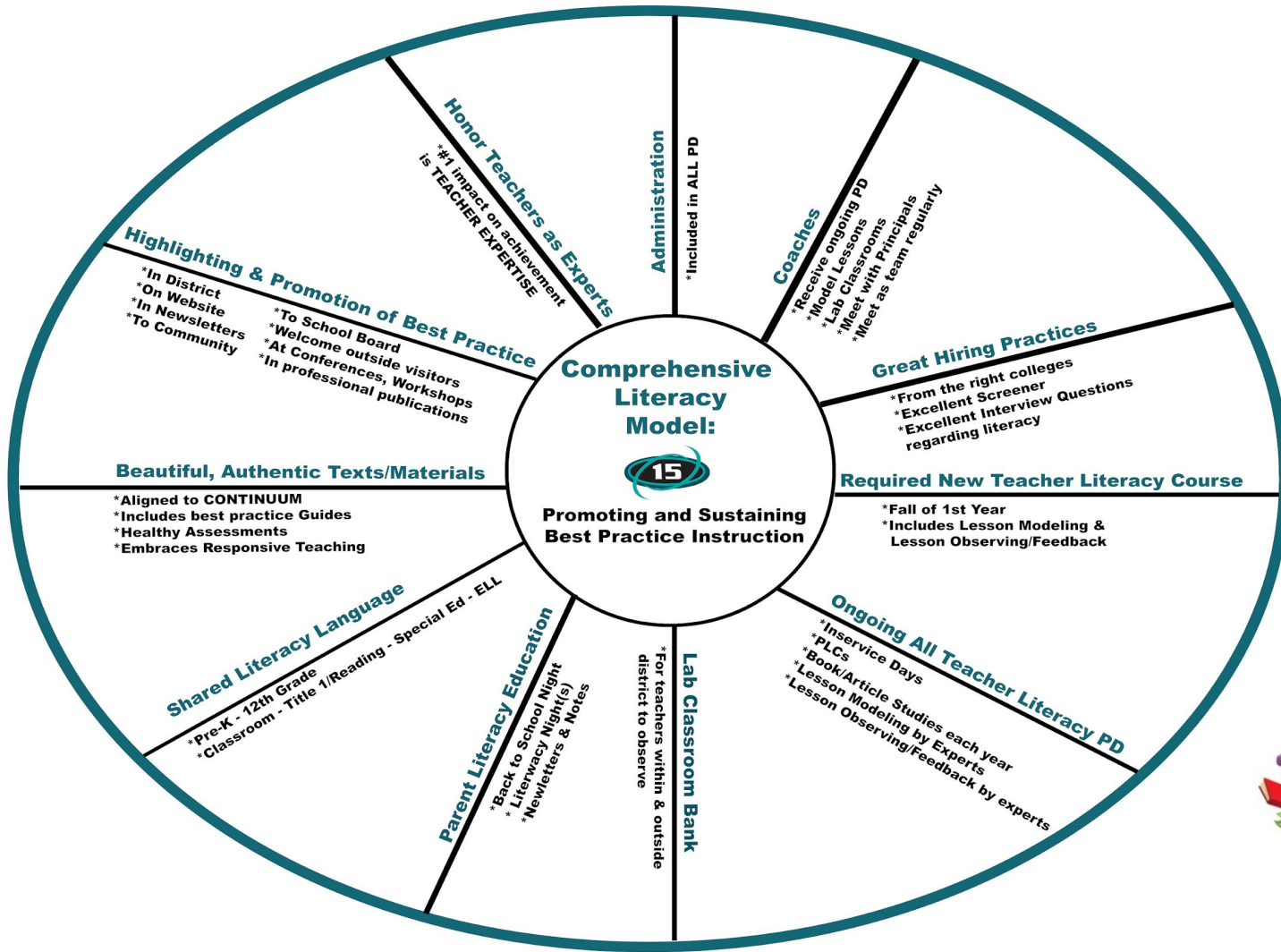
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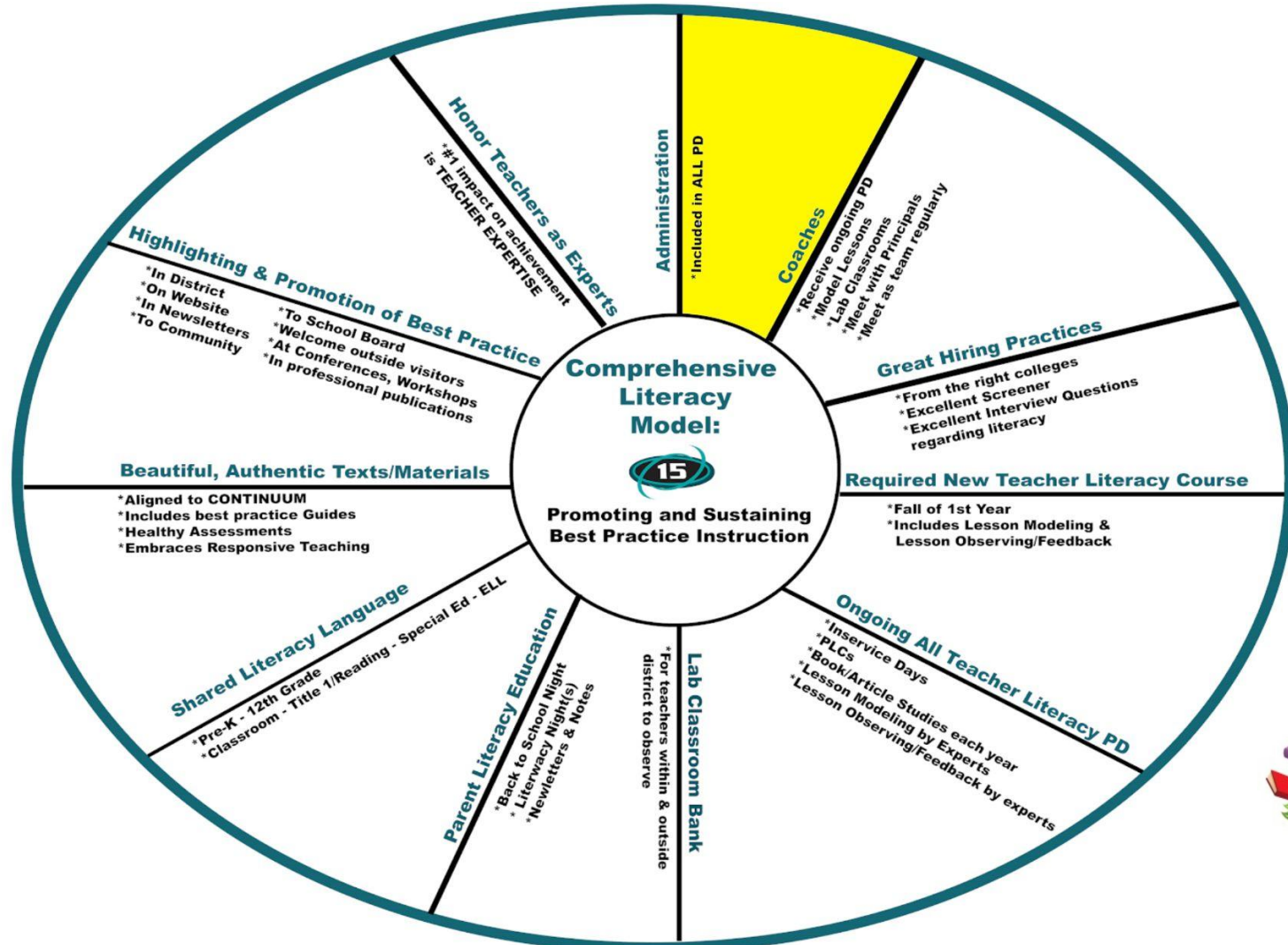
**Educators are experts in literacy contexts that use the Gradual Release Model:**

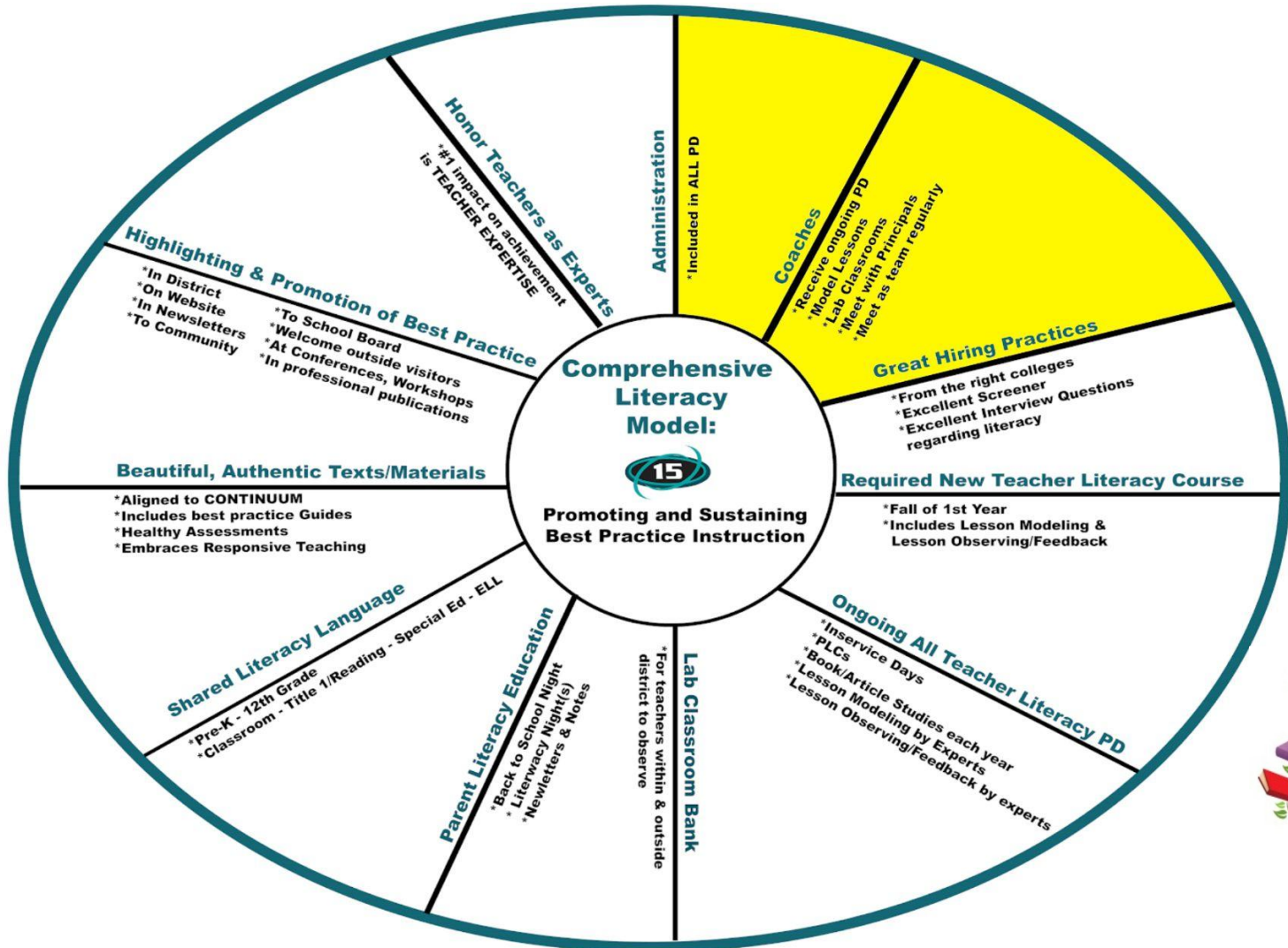
- Phonics & Word Study, Interactive Read Aloud / Shared Reading: **MODELING**
- Guided Small Group Responsive Reading: **GUIDING**
- Independent Reading / Literacy WorkStations: **APPLYING**

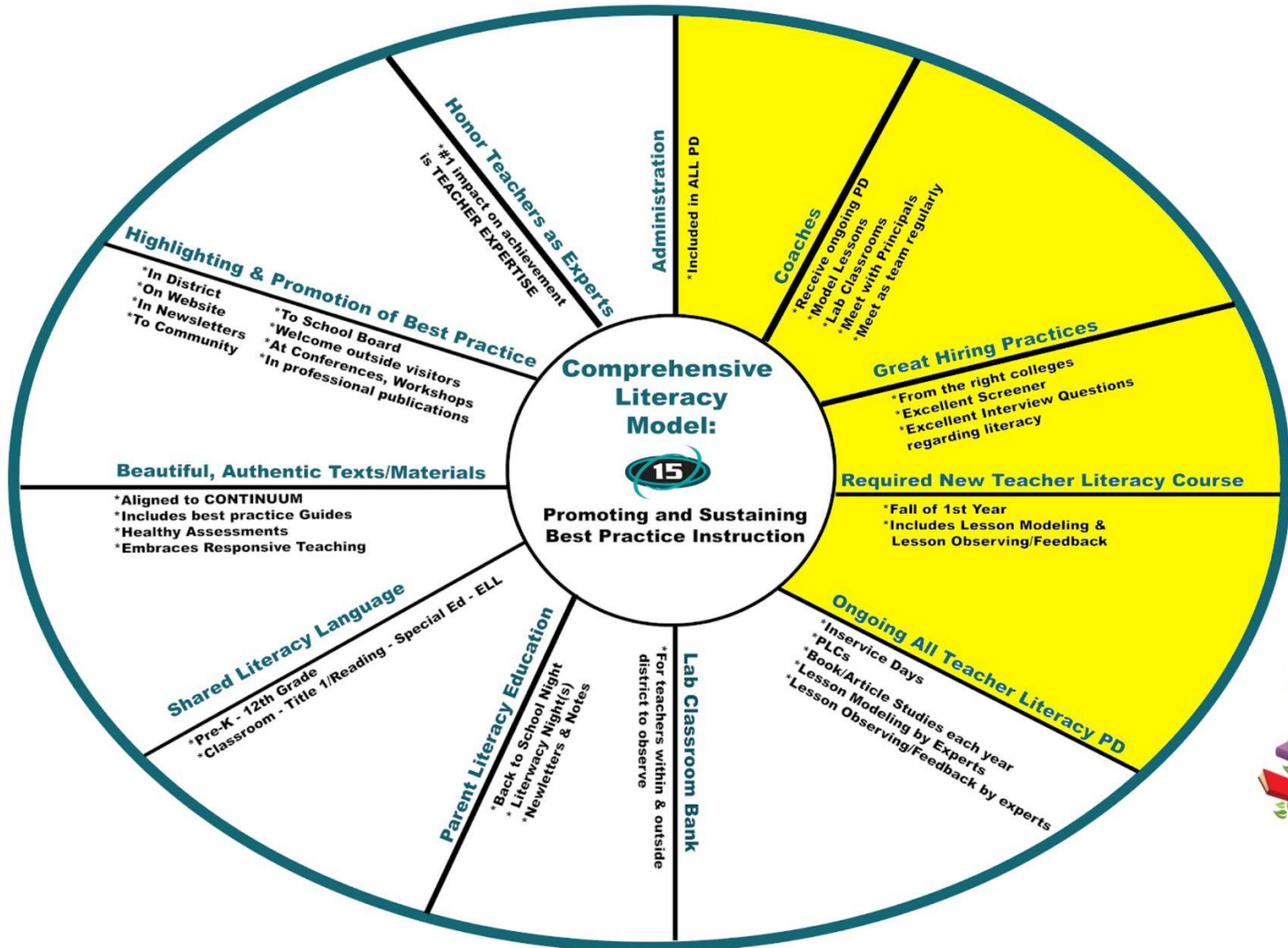


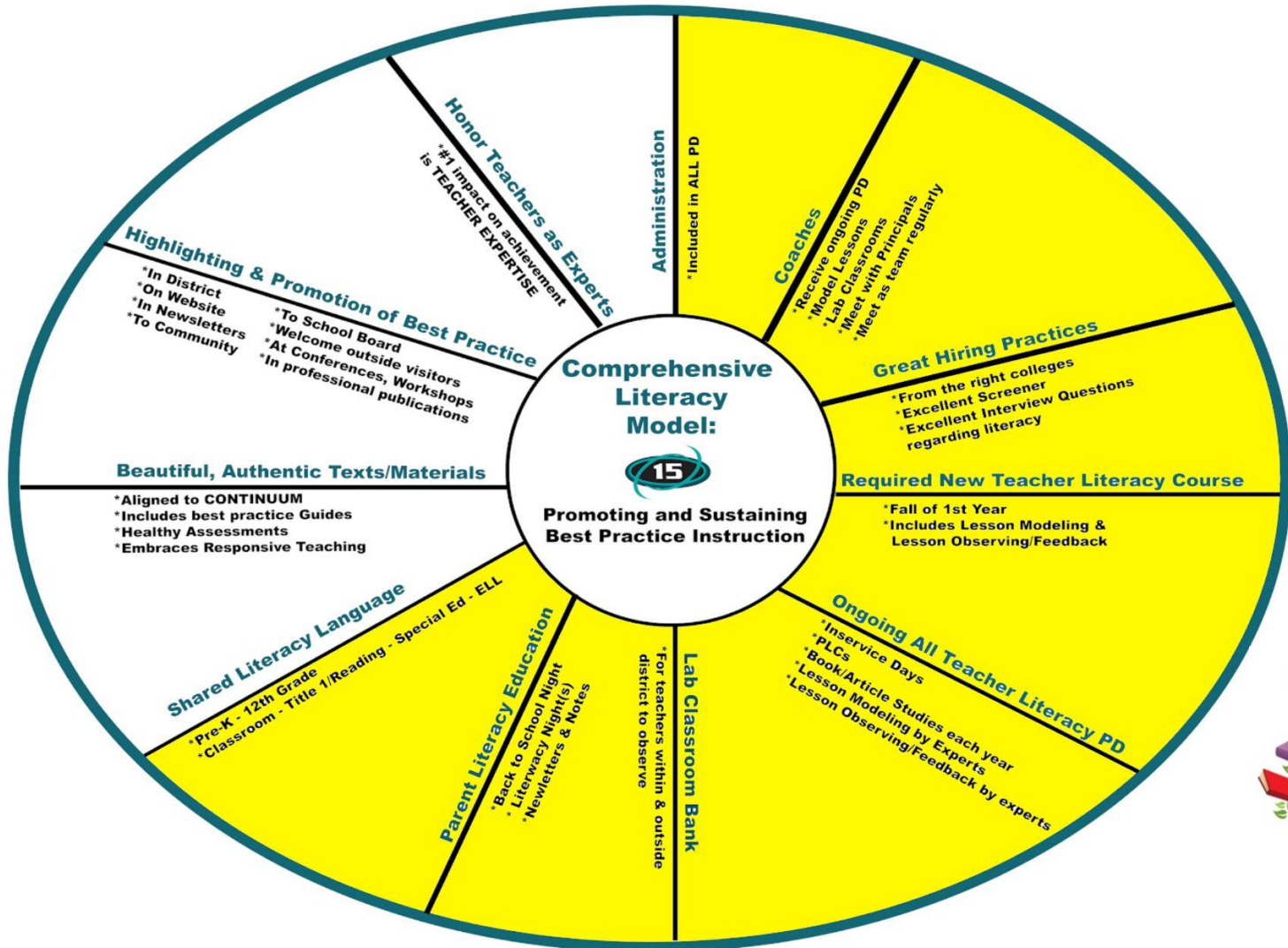


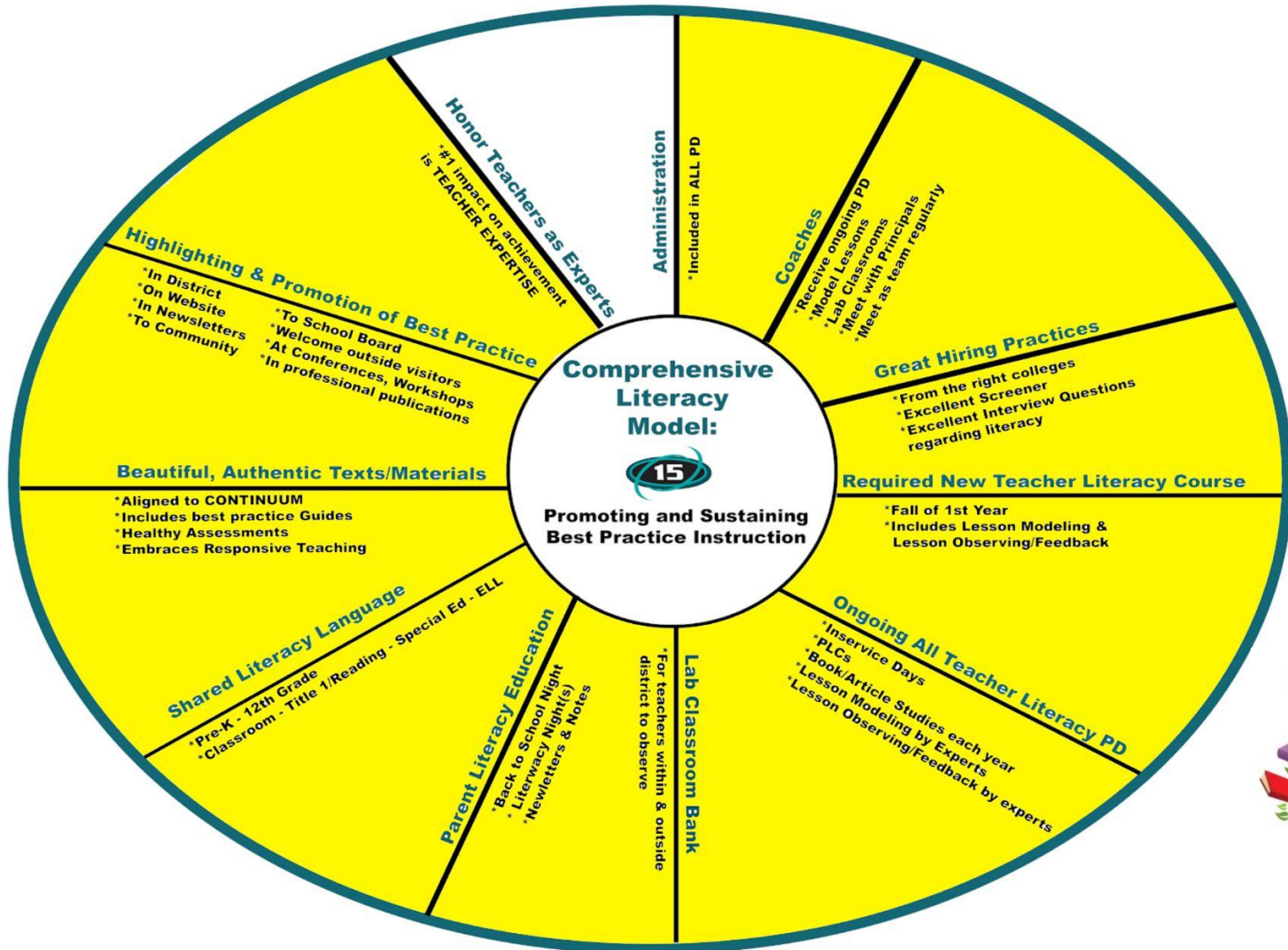


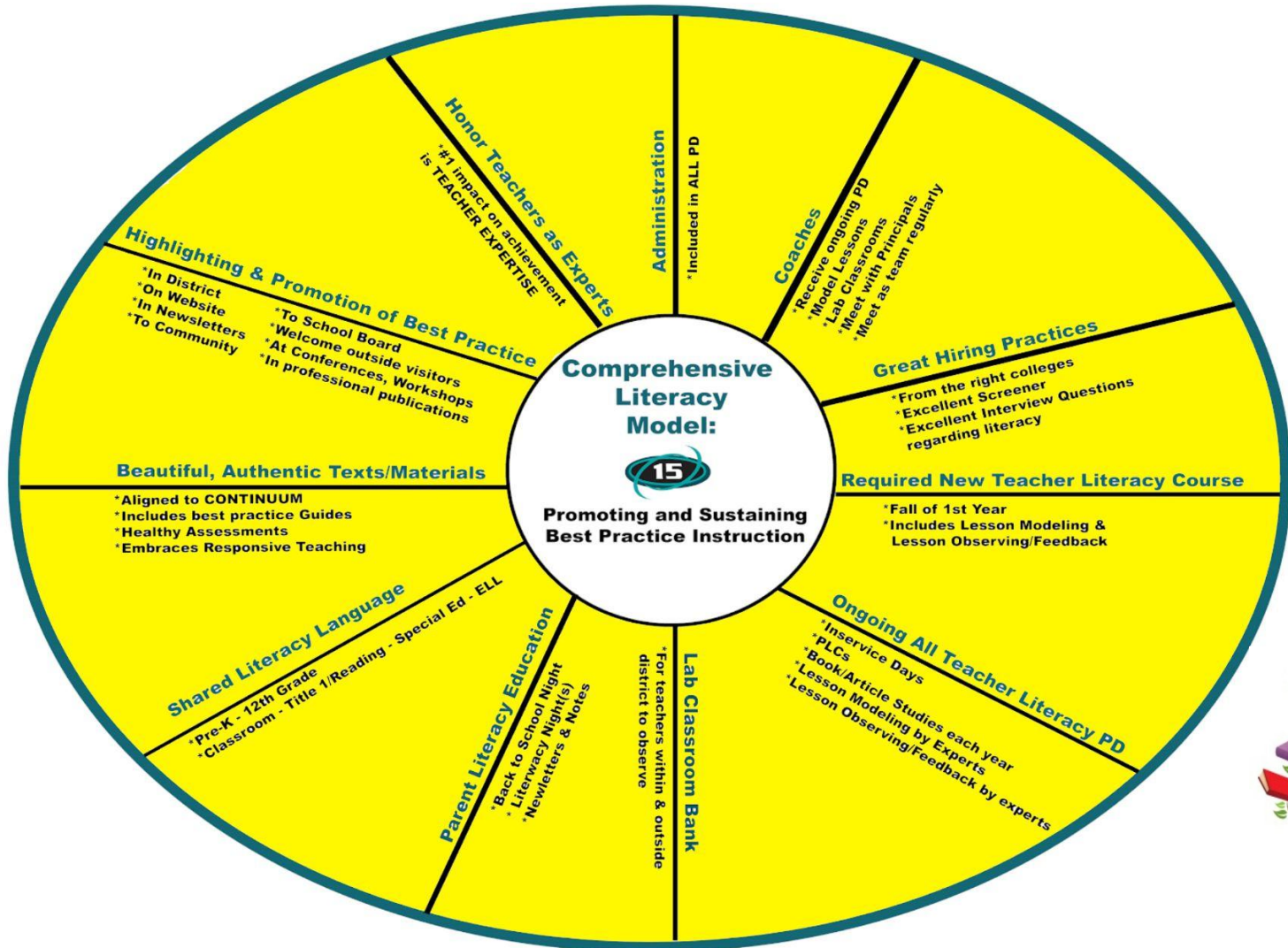


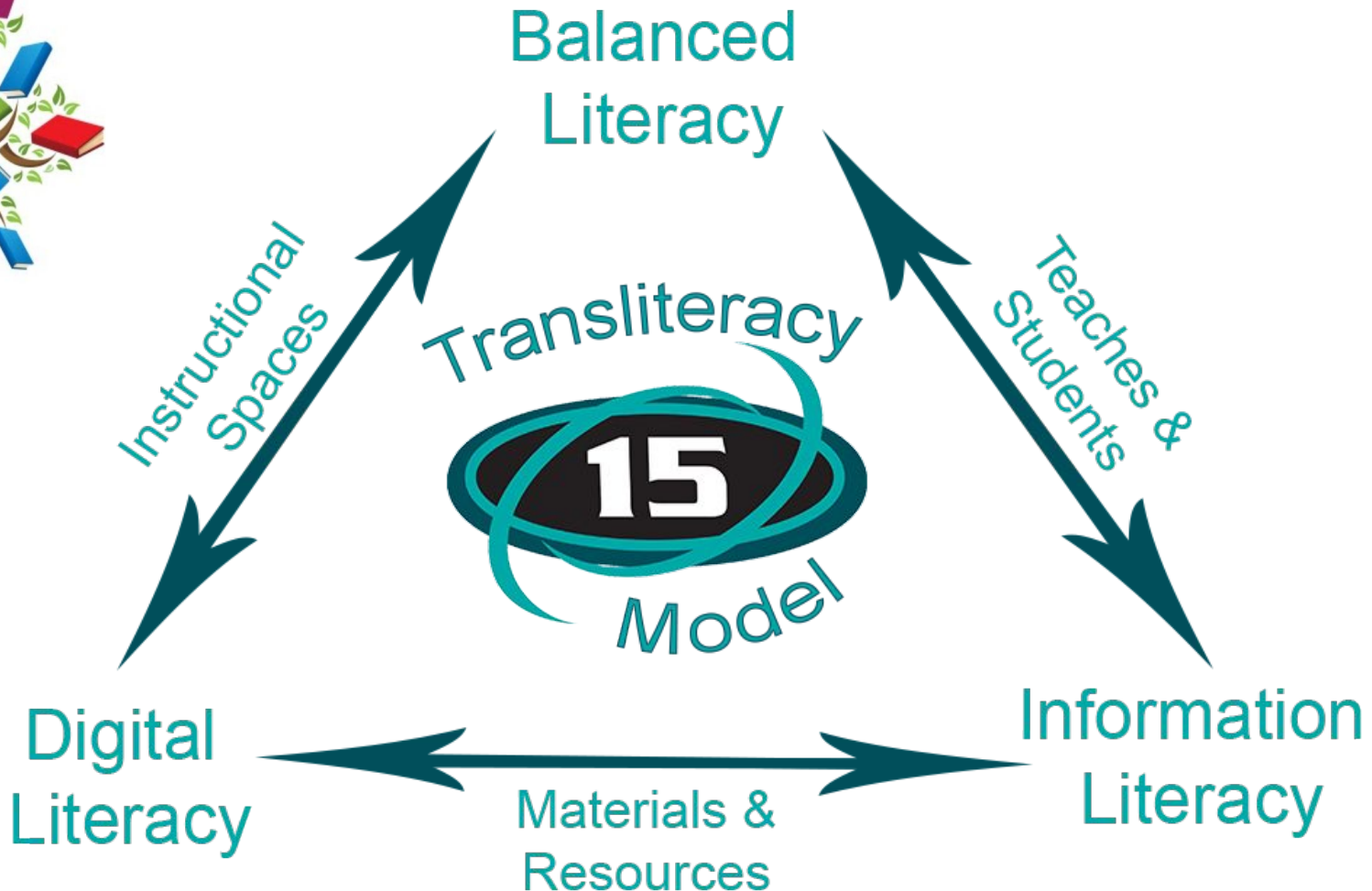
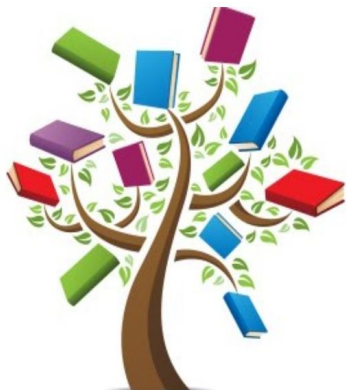
















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## McHenry D15's Commitment ...

- Deliver **responsive**, best practice literacy instruction for all children;
- **Sustain** best practice literacy model for all educators and community;
- Adhere to the **Gradual Release Model** for all educators and children;
- Continue to **grow and learn, together**;
- **Share** the D15 journey with school districts across the country - Illinois Reading Conference.



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**SPOTLIGHT** on

**Fountas & Pinnell Classroom™**

McHenry Elementary School District 15



## SNAPSHOT: McHenry Elementary School District 15

**Location:** McHenry, IL

**Elementary schools:** 6

**Total schools:** 8

**Grades supported:**  
Pre-Kindergarten through  
Grade 8

**Student population:** 4,156

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