



2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Individual Award

For Influencing the Instructional Leadership and Professional Growth of
Educators

Don McConkey, Assistant Superintendent
Snoqualmie Valley School District

Don McConkey is both an innovator and mentor to many educators in the Snoqualmie Valley School District. As a principal at Fall City Elementary, Mr. McConkey transformed the school into one of the finest in the state. As an Assistant Superintendent for the past six years, Don has continued to promote professional growth and continuous improvement throughout the district. Don led the development and articulation of the K-12 curriculum as new standards and grade level expectations were developed. Don has been instrumental in the development and support of district wide TOSAs (Teachers on Special Assignment) and school-based professional learning communities. Mr. McConkey has also developed a “Summer Learning Academy” that has helped hundreds of educators improve their instructional practice.

Don’s mantra of “Common Language and Consistent Practice” is the creative force behind the scenes and is at the foundation of Snoqualmie Valley School District’s professional competency, increased staff satisfaction, rising test scores, and improved student results. Don is a natural leader who is highly respected and cherished by all that have had the privilege of working with him.