



2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Individual Award

For Influencing the Instructional Leadership and Professional Growth of
Educators

Kathleen S. Wolfley, Instructional Coach

Fort Vancouver High School, Vancouver Public Schools

Kathy Wolfley is a life-long learner, early innovator and is an inspiration to all who have had the opportunity to work with her. As a classroom teacher Kathy was instrumental in establishing student-led conferences at the middle school where she was teaching. Kathy received her National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certificate in 2000 and this year Kathy was among the first to be recertified as a NBPTS teacher. Along with being a highly committed and innovative teacher, Kathy has been able to impact and influence other teachers in her building as a Literacy Specialist.

Kathy has been instrumental in the implementation of effective, research-based reading and writing interventions. She regularly collaborates with teachers across content areas and is committed to professional learning. Kathy's commitment is backed by continuous improvement in student learning. In a district where poverty and the English language is native to only 60% of the population, reading and writing achievement has been continuous and substantial. Since Kathy's arrival at Fort Vancouver High School, reading test scores rose from 42% meeting standard to 74% meeting standard. Kathy's hard work, enthusiasm, coaching expertise and passion for learning has made a dramatic impact on students, parents and other educators she has worked with.