

# Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

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## Washington State ASCD

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### THE REPORT



This electronic publication is sent to you as a benefit of your membership in Washington State ASCD. We hope you will share THE REPORT with other educators.

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### Regional Professional Development Opportunities

#### Reading Workshop with Barry Hoonan at Cheney School District

Teacher **Barry Hoonan** will conduct a workshop at **Betz Elementary in Cheney on Saturday, January 10, 2009**. The workshop is entitled, *Creating ACTIVE Readers: Applying Research-Based Comprehension Strategies in Grades 2-8*. Barry will share lively literature samples, demonstrate how to help readers overcome tricky text, and show how being an active reader makes a significant difference in reading for understanding. Participants will extend their understanding of research on reading comprehension and build on reading strategies that promote asking questions, making connections, inferring and making text visual. Team registrations are available - with 4 paid registrations, the 5<sup>th</sup> one is free. For registration materials, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/09hoonanregfrm.pdf>.

#### WSASCD Partners with ESD 101 and ESD 171 for IDEAS/PLC Conference

The conference will take place at the **Decades Meeting Place in Spokane Valley on March 6-7, 2009**. Author **Dr. Robert Eaker** and **Janel Keating** will present information on *Professional Learning Communities: What Would it Look Like if We Really Meant it?* on Friday. On Saturday, four half-day sessions will be offered. They are:

- **Dr. Jeanine Bulter** - *Facilitating the Development and Implementation of Power Standards in all K-12 Content Areas*
- **Nancy Coogan, Aaron Mukai, and Laura Phillips** - *Increasing Student Achievement by Using Common Assessment Strategies*
- **Dr. Jeanine Butler and Bev Baugh** - *Response to Intervention: Beginning to Bring it Together for Everyone in K-12 with Assessment*
- **Tracy Nelson** - *Using Differentiated Instruction as a Proactive Intervention*

For registration materials, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/09conideas.pdf>.  
Registration is limited to 380 participants.

#### WSASCD and ESD 123 Host PLC Seminar with Dr. Robert Eaker and Janel Keating in Pasco

The concept of Professional Learning Communities is an idea whose time has come! Join **Dr. Robert Eaker** and **Janel Keating** will present, *Professional Learning Communities: What would it Look Like if We Really Meant It?* at the **Pasco Red Lion Hotel on Saturday, March 7, 2009**. For registration materials, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/093-7proflrncmtes.pdf>.

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### Association News

#### Washington State Educators attend LEAP Conference in Washington, D.C.

In September, Washington state educators participated in the *Leadership for Effective Advocacy and Practice* Conference, whereby participants learned about

ASCD's legislative agenda and how to get the message across to our legislators. Attending the conference were **Kathy Clayton**, WSASCD Executive Director; **Tim Nootenboom**, Principal of Cascade View Elementary in Snoqualmie Valley; **Dr. Becky Cooke**, Principal of Prairie View Elementary in Mead School District; **Dr. Gary Plano**, Superintendent of Mercer Island School District; and **Joan Chambers**, Librarian at Pasadena Park Elementary in West Valley (Spokane) School District. The legislative agenda proposed a broader definition of achievement and accountability by promoting the development of the whole child.

Our WSASCD team had the opportunity to meet with **Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers** and **Congressman Dave Reichert** to discuss specific issues. They also met with legislative assistants for **Senator Patty Murray** and **Senator Maria Cantwell**. To learn more about the 2008 ASCD Legislative Agenda, go to [http://www.ascd.org/public\\_policy/Legislative\\_Agenda/Legislative\\_Agenda.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/public_policy/Legislative_Agenda/Legislative_Agenda.aspx). Our very own **President-elect, Josh Garcia** from Federal Way, will be working with ASCD in January on the 2009 legislative agenda.

### **Critical Question: Why Does Advocacy Matter?**

As a result of WSASCD's involvement in the LEAP Conference in Washington, D.C., **Dr. Becky Cooke** and **Tim Nootenboom** have written an article. They learned first hand that even at the national level, we have a powerful voice by advocating for the children we work with each and every day. Read their article (attached) to learn about why advocacy does matter. You can also join the ASCD Educator Advocates at <http://www.capwiz.com/ascd/mlm/verify/> to find out more about how you can make a difference!

### **WSASCD: Member of the Washington State Learning First Alliance**

Washington State ASCD is proud to be a part of the WSLFA. **WSASCD President Mike Dunn** and **Executive Director Kathy Clayton** represent our association. This year, the alliance is focusing on federal legislative issues as they relate to education in our state. Other members of the alliance are: Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD); Association of Washington State Principals (AWSP); Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); Partnership for Learning (P4L); State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC); State Board of Education (SBE); Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE); Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA); Washington Education Association (WEA); Washington State PTA (WSPTA); Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA); Washington Association of Student Councils (WASC). With all the major associations in our state represented in the Washington State Learning First Alliance, this coalition provides a forum for discussing many perspectives related to issues in education.

### **Invest in the Whole Child**

Common sense and research tell us that to do well academically, students must be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. To help ensure that all students have the necessary supports to learn at high levels, become a Whole Child Advocate. Go to <http://www.wholechildeducation.org/> to (1) Sign ASCD's New Learning Compact for the Whole Child; (2) Rate your own school and community and see how well they stack up; (3) Share your story; and (4) Learn more about the challenges facing kids today and how other communities are responding to these challenges.

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## **2008 Annual Conference Review**

### **Thank you Conference Committee**

With the co-leadership of **Helene Paroff** (ESD 101) and **Debbie Lahue** (Nine Mile Falls School District), we had a fabulous conference on November 6-8, 2008 at the Spokane Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center. Other members of our hard-working conference committee were: **Bridget Lewis, Carol Hinchliff, Terrie VanderWegen, Cheryl Allen, Chris Tuckerman, Joan Chambers, Sean Dotson,**

**Pete Hall, Steven Gering, Matt Handelman, Jim Howard, Sharon Mowry, and Teena McDonald.**

### **Conference Video**

Thanks to the technical expertise of **Sean Dotson**, principal of Sunset Elementary School in Cheney, we have a video, which includes snapshots of our attendees enjoying the conference. The video can be viewed at <http://www.wsascd.org/index.htm>. You will notice that all the songs in the video relate to our conference theme: *Getting to the heart of it!*

### **State Recognition Award Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners of our state awards. All award winners are pictured on our website at <http://www.wsascd.org/index.htm>.

### **Conference Concurrent Sessions**

Thank you to the presenters of our concurrent sessions. Please remember that presentation materials are available on the Practitioner's Best Friend page of our website at <http://www.wsascd.org/practitioner/index.htm>.

### **Keynote Speakers, Steven Gering and Dr. Mike Schmoker were a Success**

The committee was pleased with the keynote presentations at our conference. Many thanks to Gonzaga University for their sponsorship of Steven Gering.

### **Thursday Action Labs and Saturday Institutes Covered a Wide Range of Topics**

We were fortunate to have exceptional presenters for our full day sessions on Thursday and Saturday. You can find presentation materials for the following presenters at <http://www.wsascd.org/practitioner/index.htm>.

- **Dr. Nancy Weber** – *Differentiation: Teaching High-Ability Students in Mixed-Ability Classrooms*, sponsored by **Whitworth University**.
- **Dr. Lawrence Lowery** – *How People Learn: The Biological Basis of Thinking and Learning*, sponsored by **Delta Education (FOSS)**.
- **Dr. Sandra Atkins** – *Mathematics: Developing the Essential Strategies of Computational Fluency*, sponsored by **Eastern Washington University**.
- **Dr. Cheryl Allen** – *Elementary Literacy: Writing by Heart*, sponsored by **Seattle University**.
- **Janel Keating and John Hellwich** – *How Formative Assessment Practices Can Increase Learning for All Students*, sponsored by **Seattle Pacific University**.
- **Kelly Gallagher** – *Overcoming the Neglected 'R': Teaching Adolescent Writing*, sponsored by **WSASCD**.
- **Dr. Marcia Tate** - *20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain*, sponsored by **WSASCD**.
- **Dr. Dennis Sparks** – *Leading for Results: Transforming Teaching, Learning and Relationships in Schools*, sponsored by **Washington State University**.

### **Conference Survey**

Thanks to those of you who have had the opportunity to complete the survey following the conference. As you are aware, all school districts are in tough financial times and WSASCD wants to continue to provide our annual conference, so your input is extremely helpful. If you have not answered the survey and attended our last conference, you can go to this link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=y6xWYY0gJYIMdhZr5ujkcA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=y6xWYY0gJYIMdhZr5ujkcA_3d_3d).

If you were unable to attend the conference, please complete that survey at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PPIwTXvCiApAMgsqTKieeA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PPIwTXvCiApAMgsqTKieeA_3d_3d).

### **Save the Date – 2009 Conference in Seattle**

WSASCD is pleased that the WSASCD Annual Conference will take place on the state

curriculum day next year. The conference entitled, *Beyond Success: Striving for Significance*, will take place at the **SeaTac Doubletree Hotel** on **October 9-10, 2009**. Please help up spread the good news!

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