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## Washington State ASCD

### THE REPORT

#### Winter 2009

This Newsflash is a benefit of your membership in  
Washington State ASCD.

## Regional Professional Development Opportunities

### 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 Butler** - *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>.

### 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>.

### WSASCD Hosts Second PLC Seminar in Pasco regarding Common Formative Assessments with Dr. Sharon Kramer

The research is clear that regular formative assessments are the key to improving student achievement. Join **Dr. Sharon Kramer** as she presents, *Common Formative Assessments: A High Leverage Strategy to Increase Learning* at the [Pasco Red Lion Hotel on Tuesday, August 18, 2009](#). Registration materials will be available at [www.wsascd.org](http://www.wsascd.org) in March.

### WSASCD Hosts Third PLC Seminar in Pasco regarding Pyramid Response to Intervention with Mike Mattos

RTI is most effective when built on the Professional Learning Communities model. **Mike Mattos** will demonstrate how to create three tiers of interventions—from basic to intensive—to address student learning gaps. Join Mike Mattos for *Pyramid Response to Intervention: RTI, Professional Learning Communities, and How to Respond When Kids Don't Learn* at the [Pasco Red Lion Hotel on Saturday, November 14, 2009](#). Registration materials will be available at [www.wsascd.org](http://www.wsascd.org) in March.

## 2009 State Recognition and Outstanding Young Educator Awards

### Nominations Window

Nominations are now open for our State Recognition awards, as well as the Outstanding Young Educator Award. The deadline for nominations is April 15<sup>th</sup>. All recipients will be honored during the WSASCD Annual Conference luncheon at the SeaTac Doubletree hotel on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the State Curriculum Day. Many thanks to the Awards Committee, led by **Scott Seaman**, principal of Tumwater High School.

### State Recognition Awards

There are eight State Recognition awards in three categories – Individual, Program, Team and Community Partner. Nominations must be made by a WSASCD member. For nomination information, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/pdf/stawrdsnom.pdf>.

### Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA)

The Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award nominee is an education professional, 40 years of age or younger, who demonstrates exemplary commitment and exceptional contribution to the profession. The OYEA winner will receive a check for \$2,000, provided by a generous donation from SRA/McGraw Hill, at the annual conference. The winner will also receive Washington State and International ASCD Memberships, and a complimentary subscription of *Curriculum in Context* for their school library. For nomination information, go to <http://www.wsascd.org/oyea.html>.

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## 2009 Annual Conference

### *Beyond Success: Striving for Significance*

**Friday, October 9 (State Curriculum Day) & Saturday, October 10**

### Thank you Conference Committee

With the co-leadership of **Vince Blauser** (Federal Way) and **Forrest Griek** (Federal Way), plans are underway for our Annual Conference, which will take place on October 9-10, 2009 at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel. Registration materials will be available in early April. Other members of our hard-working conference committee are: **Greg Borgerding** (White River), **Christine Corbley** (Federal Way), **Deborah Holcomb** (Highline), **Marty Kay** (Aberdeen), **Gary Keeler** (Northshore), **Erin LaVerdiere** (Sumner), **Marti Shefeland** (Fife), **Kimberly Mueller** (Tacoma), **Merri Rieger** (Kent), and **Adam Uhler** (White River).

### Conference Concurrent Sessions

Look for the '**Call for Proposals**' on our website in March. The deadline for proposals is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Individuals, schools, districts, and other educational institutes are invited to submit proposals for presentations related to our conference theme. Session proposals should relate to one or more of the following strands: Interventions, Content Literacy, Embedded Professional Development, Technology, Assessment for Learning, Mental Health of Staff, Technology for Learning, Student Motivation, and Leadership. We appreciate the time and effort that people put into their proposals.

### Dr. Andy Hargreaves to Serve as Keynote Speaker for Friday Program

Join us on Friday as **Dr. Andy Hargreaves** challenges us to think about how teachers and administrators can sustain themselves and others to promote and support learning, to ensure the improvements they bring about last over time and have significance. Dr. Hargreaves is the author of *Sustainable Leadership; What's Worth Fighting For in Your School?* (with Michael Fullan); and *Changing Teacher: Teacher's Work in the Postmodern Age*.

### Action Labs for Saturday Institute Program

Five outstanding full-day sessions are offered for our Saturday Institute.

- **Pete Hall and Alisa**, authors of *Building Teacher Capacity for Success*, will present a session on 'School Improvement through Essential Partnerships: A Framework for Leading Teacher Growth.'

- **Dr. Sharon Kramer** – an ‘educators’ educator’ will present *Common Formative Assessments: A High Leverage Strategy to Increase Learning*
- **Mike Mattos** – author of *Pyramid Response to Intervention* will present ‘RTI, Professional Learning Communities, and How to Respond When Kids Don’t Learn.’
- **Mary Ann Stine** – Curriculum Director for Everett Public Schools will involve a team in presenting information on ‘Academic Youth Development,’ to improve student performance in high school mathematics classes.
- **Lynn Fielding**, co-author (with Nancy Kerr and Paul Rosier) of *The 90% Reading Goal* will present ‘Preventing the Kindergarten Gap.’
- **Gail Boushey and Joan Moser ‘the Sisters,’** authors of *The Daily Five* and *The CAFÉ Book* will present ‘How to Accelerate Learning through Independence, High Achievement and Focused, Productive Instruction.’

Registration information will be available at [www.wsascd.org](http://www.wsascd.org) in April.

## WSASCD Board of Director News

### WSASCD Welcomes Dr. Alan Burke to Board of Directors

**Dr. Alan Burke**, Deputy Superintendent, K-12 Education, will serve as the OSPI Representative to the WSASCD Board of Directors beginning in March. The Board wishes to thank **Lexie Domaradzki**, who served in that capacity previously.

### WSASCD Board of Directors Works on Strategic Plan

With the leadership of president **Mike Dunn**, the board of directors has focused on five goal areas this year – 1) Diverse, Active Membership; 2) Communication and Publications; 3) Programs, Products, and Services; 4) Influence and Policy; and 5) Leadership and Governance. For specific information on this year’s plan, go to <http://wsascd.org/pdf/0809stratigiclngplan.pdf>

### Minutes of Board of Director Meetings

Want to learn more about the work of the fabulous WSASCD Board of Directors? The minutes of WSASCD Board Meetings can be viewed at <http://wsascd.org/minutes.htm>.

## ASCD International News

### WSASCD Involvement in Creation of 2009 ASCD Legislative Agenda

**Dr. Josh Garcia**, president-elect WSASCD and Executive Director of Learning, Federal Way Public Schools, worked with educators from around the country in Washington, DC to create the 2009 legislative agenda. WSASCD and ASCD will advocate for 1) Equitable Educational Opportunities; 2) Multiple Indicators of School Success; 3) Highly-Effective Educators; and 4) Innovative Educational Redesign. To view the *2008 ASCD Legislative Agenda* go to <http://www.wsascd.org/positions.htm>.

### ASCD Annual Conference in Orlando

The Annual Conference & Exhibit Show will take place in Orlando, Florida March 13-16, 2009. If you plan to be there, look for WSASCD president **Mike Dunn**, board members **Josh Garcia** and **Tim Nootenboom**, and executive director, **Kathy Clayton** at the Welcome Reception on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Valencia Ballroom of the Orange County Convention Center. We’d love to see you there! For registration information, go to [http://www.ascd.org/conferences/annual\\_conference/2009.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/conferences/annual_conference/2009.aspx).

### Supporting Whole Child Education: Are You on the Record?

ASCD’s whole child education Web site now includes a petition campaign targeted at your state boards of education. The petition asks the boards to go on the record in support of policies and practices that ensure all children are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. As an Educator Advocate, you can make a difference by signing the petition and forwarding it to others who support policies that ensure what is best for our kids. When your state reaches the goal of 1,000 signatures, ASCD will deliver the petition to your board of education. If you’re ready to go on the record, go to <http://www.wholechildeducation.org/> to sign the petition.

## **New Whole Child Resources to Help Your School and Community Make the Grade**

ASCD is starting this new year with the firm conviction that it takes every one of us to create the change that our children need. We are committed to providing resources that will support you and your community, as you work to ensure that each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. The "Grade Your School Tool" will help you move your community toward this goal by providing a snapshot of your community's strengths and weaknesses. For further info go to: [www.wholechildeducation.org](http://www.wholechildeducation.org). Recently, ASCD unveiled an upgrade to the tool which now offers additional feedback, resources, and next steps tailored to your answers. These specific suggestions will help you continue your progress, whether your school and community are struggling to meet the needs of the whole child or are demonstrating whole child successes. Grade your school and community today!

## **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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## **ASCD Student Chapters**

### **Eastern Washington University**

Thanks to the dedication of ASCD student chapter advisors, **Dr. Harvey Alvy** and **Dr. Vince Aleccia**, professors at EWU, and chapter president **Heather Wilson**, ASCD is alive and well.

### **Would Your College or University Like to Have a Student Chapter?**

For information on creating a Student ASCD Chapter, go to [http://www.ascd.org/About\\_ASCD/Student\\_Chapters/Start\\_a\\_Chapter/Start\\_a\\_Chapter.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/About_ASCD/Student_Chapters/Start_a_Chapter/Start_a_Chapter.aspx) or contact **Dr. Becky Cooke** at [BCooke@mead.k12.wa.us](mailto:BCooke@mead.k12.wa.us).

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## **The Whole Child Campaign at Work**

### **South Kitsap Accepts ASCD's Call to Action**

The *ASCD Call to Action for the Whole Child* has been heard and is at the core of South Kitsap School District's improvement efforts. Led by superintendent **Dave LaRose**, the district's vision, "Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Achievement, and Building Community," is embedded in programs that are about relationships and providing a working/learning environment that encourages, supports, challenges, celebrates and collaborates – to ensure high levels of learning for ALL students. Those programs will be highlighted below.

### **Ready for Kindergarten**

Serving families and their children birth to 4 years of age, parents are trained to be their child's first and best teacher; providing purposeful games and resources that combine play with learning. Why? Bottom line – children join us with a wide range of abilities and needs, and those who are far behind rarely catch up over the next 12 years. This program partners with our families and provides FREE training, FREE babysitting, and FREE, take-home resources to help ensure that their child enters Kindergarten ready and eager to excel!

### **Boys and Girls Club**

This program offers low (and no-cost for some) after school programming for our K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Hundreds of students have benefitted, as we bus children from all schools to two sites. This is not child care. The program includes "Power Hour" dedicated to academics and homework; character building, mentorship, technology, etc. This program is also offered during the summer, which has afforded children opportunities beyond any experience they have ever had – trips to museums, zoos, Mt. St. Helens, etc.

## **Summer Lunch Program**

With a partnership with the state, South Kitsap School District offers free lunch during the summer months to anyone who walks into our two sites and is under the age of 18. Free. No questions asked. Over 4,000 meals were served last summer.

## **Backpacks for Kids**

Through a partnership with local agencies (churches, Rotary), nearly 100 children were provided with backpacks filled with food for the weekend. Kids take the backpacks home on the weekend and bring them back on Monday.

## **Kids at Hope**

South Kitsap promotes a culture that says "All Children are Capable of Success – NO EXCEPTIONS!" They have trained roughly 40 staff members (administrators, teachers, office staff, food services, etc.) and will be putting together and district "HOPE team" who will serve as trainers for our entire district. This team will have 3 principals, union presidents, classified leaders, coach, counselor and teachers. South Kitsap believes: a) Happy people are hopeful people; b) Hopeful people are happy people; c) Hopeful and happy people are Whole; and d) Whole people WILL exceed their potential.

## **Family Wellness**

With a grant for a school-based health clinic, South Kitsap School District is currently working to identify partners to provide our students/families in need with urgent medical care. Their work to date has resulted in over 400 free immunizations; free glasses for dozens of children, free dental exams/cleanings for hundreds of children, etc. Their vision is to make the connection between physical and mental health and learning.

## **PALs**

This mentoring program connects adults in the community (and includes dozens of district employees) with students who lack the essential asset of a caring, consistent adult. This program was recently recognized by our state ASCD association for the community program making the most impact for the whole child.

## **Tell the Whole Story**

South Kitsap School District is committed to promoting the work done each and every day through an email message to the staff that is by kids and for kids. They have an incredible "family" committed to serving their kids and their community. For more information about the fine work that is occurring in South Kitsap School District, contact superintendent **Dave LaRose** at 360.874.7009 or [larose@skitsap.wednet.edu](mailto:larose@skitsap.wednet.edu).

## **Tell YOUR Whole Story**

We'd love to hear from you! If you have a Whole Story about your school or district that can be highlighted to encourage and affirm others, please email **Kathy Clayton** at [kclaytonwsascd@comcast.net](mailto:kclaytonwsascd@comcast.net).

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