

Target Audience: Teams of District Administrators, Principals and Teachers

Professional Learning Communities

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The 3 Big Ideas of a professional learning community are:

You believe the fundamental purpose of your school or district is to ensure all students learn at high levels and you are committed to become a lifelong learner to make this a reality.

You think collaborative teamwork and interdependence among teachers and administrators is a great way to continuously improve your school or district.

You are hungry for evidence that students are learning and are ready to respond immediately when timely feedback tells you otherwise.

If these 3 Big Ideas ring true for you, you're in the right place. Deepen your PLC implementation or learn how to start building a collaborative culture focused on learning with.

Characteristics of a Professional Learning Community:

- Shared mission, vision, values, goals
- Collaborative teams Focused on Learning
- Collective inquiry into "best practice" and current reality"
- Action orientation/experimentation
- Commitment to continuous improvement
- Results orientation

Participants will learn specific strategies to:

- Focus the attention of the school on learning rather than teaching.
- Develop systematic ways to provide struggling students with additional time and support.
- Create a collaborative culture.
- Provide teacher teams with the time, parameters.

Implementing the PLC Process: Will You Soar or Settle?

Recent studies have found that partial implementation of the PLC process in schools



produced no gains in student achievement. However, when those same schools fully engaged in the process, dramatic gains occurred. The PLC journey is filled with dangerous detours and seductive shortcuts

that circumvent the real work of the process. Dr. DuFour will alert you to the inevitable implementation challenges and provide you with a process for overcoming them.

The Power of Professional Learning Communities at Work™: Bringing the Big Ideas to Life

Becky investigates the three big ideas that drive the PLC concept, offers practical strategies for bringing those ideas to life, and shares compelling success stories from schools throughout the United States that are using those ideas to have a profound impact on student and adult learning. Vivid examples and sound evidence show that the PLC concept is supported by research and endorsed by educational organizations as our best hope for sustained, substantive improvement.



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Parkside Church, Richardson Dr. Auburn

Cost

Inside Placer County \$150
Outside Placer County \$350
lunch is on your own

How to register

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Professional Development**
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Cancellation Deadline

September 25, 2012
full registration fee
will be charged for
cancellations after
deadline.

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