

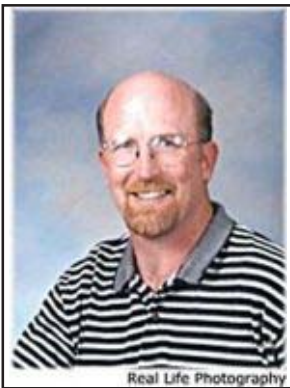
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ESD 123 BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED

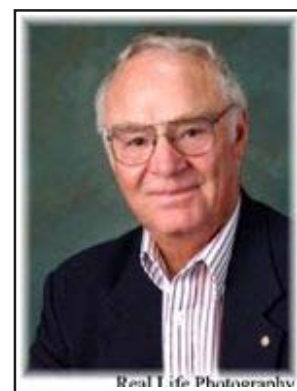


Brad Gingerich
District No. 1

Brad Gingerich, Dale Newby, Paul Whitemarsh, Beverly Abersfeller and David Bayne have been re-elected to new four-year terms for the ESD 123 Board of Directors. Their new terms begin January 2006.

Brad Gingerich will continue to represent Director District 1 which includes Asotin-Anatone, Clarkston, Pomeroy, and Dayton School Districts. Brad is a pharmacist and co-owner of Pomeroy Pharmacy. He graduated from Pomeroy High School and went on to WSU and graduated with a degree in Pharmacy. He is only one of two board members in the state of Washington to serve two separate terms as President of the State Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD). Brad has served 19 years on the ESD 123 Board.

Dale Newby will continue to represent Director District 3 which includes selected precincts of the Walla Walla School District. Dale owns his own business as an insurance agent. He received his BA and MA from Central Washington University where he majored in Music and Music Administration. He taught music and was a junior high school principal for the Walla Walla Public Schools. He retired from his education career in 1982. Dale has served as an officer or board member for several state educational organizations. Dale has served for three and one-half years on the ESD 123 Board.



Dale Newby
District No. 3



Paul Whitemarsh
District No. 5

Paul Whitemarsh will continue to represent Director District 5 which includes North Franklin No. 51-162 and selected precincts in Pasco School District. Paul has worked for the City of Pasco since 1971 as the Recreation Services Manager. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with a BA in Education. He has served on various local and statewide boards and committees for public schools and leisure service issues. Paul has served for four years on the ESD 123 Board and is the current Vice Chair.

Beverly Abersfeller will continue to represent Director District 7 which includes Finley, Paterson, Kiona-Benton City School Districts, and selected precincts in Kennewick School District. Bev is the Ready! for Kindergarten Program Director, a mediator, volunteer, and homemaker. She received her AA degree from Green River Community College. Bev has served seven years on the ESD 123 Board.



Beverly Abersfeller
District No. 7



David Bayne
District No. 9

David Bayne will continue to represent Director District 9 that serves Prosser School District and selected precincts in Richland School District. David Bayne has been a Senior Account Executive for Crop Insurance since 1991. He graduated from Whitworth College where he majored in history. David has served on the ESD 123 Board for a total of 27 years.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Seeing Things Differently



Bruce Hawkins
Superintendent

Dear Friends:

This past year we have been treated to conversations with Dr. Michael Fullan. One quote stands out in my mind: "The wrong thing now, used to be the new right thing" (August 2005).

Over the past six months our agency has been deeply involved in strategic planning efforts designed to bring excellence and equity to each of our customers. As you read this, the term customer may be of interest. We consider all 23 school systems our customers and seek to assist their efforts in reaching some 56,000 students. Additionally, some 5,000 students attend private schools who certainly qualify. In our visits with school system staff they reminded us that a number of students who are home schooled need services that we can provide. Over the past two years, the other eight ESDs and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction have engaged in conversations that lead us to this conclusion, we have customer relationships with them that are important to the well-being of education across our state.

Our customer base has expanded and like any business this means we can hope for more services and better pricing for our customers. We learned in our planning process that while our work is local, the impact is of importance to the well being of our nation. Such is the legacy of our ESD but is also the impact of every teacher. Our vision is written in audacious terms that may appear impossible. We were reminded of the importance of thinking big when last November our agency joined several other ESDs in our state to affect a national conference. The results made us very proud.

We hope that you will recognize a difference in our work. We hope to demonstrate clearer communication and higher levels of collaboration. We hope to anticipate our customer needs and develop solutions that are effective resulting in a savings of your precious resources. We believe that we can develop greater sustainability guaranteeing a continuum of vital services. When conditions demand that we assist customers with direct services we will be ready. Lastly, we know that we are only as good as those who work in our agency. We will invest in their growth and provide an environment where they will find engagement and rewards for their work.

If you have an interest in a brochure outlining our strategic planning concepts you may contact me by email and I will see that you get a copy.

Best wishes for a great 2006!

Bruce Hawkins
bhawkins@esd123.org

BOARD MEMBERS

Brad Gingerich	District 1
Sheryl Byerley	District 2
Dale Newby	District 3
Anna Rea	District 4
Paul Whitemarsh	District 5
Stephen Maciboba	District 6
Bev Abersfeller	District 7
Steven Landon (Chair)	District 8
David Bayne	District 9

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR GRADUATION SUCCESS

By Dr. Judy Reault

The graduation requirements for the class of 2008 are quickly closing in on us. Included in the package is the requirement for students to pass the WASL in order to obtain their high school diploma. But the statistics behind this group of students are staggering:

- In the ESD 123 region, 4828 students are eligible to take the WASL this next spring at the 10th grade level;
- 5319 ninth grade students also will be eligible to take the WASL;
- In 2004-05, 67% (two of three students) failed one or more of the required sections for graduation in our region. The range is 47.3 % to 85.1% in our districts.

The 2006 results will be known in mid-June with the first retakes scheduled in August. We need to show an improvement in the number of students meeting the standards.

With this in mind, ESD 123 began collaborating with school leaders across the region to design a Summer Institute to support students in their efforts to successfully pass the WASL retakes. The 2006 legislative session is expected to approve funding for summer programs for school districts or regional coops to provide direct instruction to improve skills tested on the WASL. While the allocation is unknown, our region opted for a proactive approach to design a model to serve our students. There are a number of advantages for pursuing this cooperative venture: provide a quality program to prepare students for retakes, save districts time, provide excellence and equity for students, support our common mission, leverage regional strengths, and potentially result in a cost effective solution. **CONTINUED ON PG. 3**

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In a nutshell, the model would: 1) be offered in three locations - Tri-Cities, Clarkston, Walla Walla; 2) be fully coordinated by ESD 123; 3) offer skills-based instruction, approximately during a 5-week period; and 4) be funded by districts for students who choose to participate. A representative advisory and development committee began work in November to design a model that would best meet the needs of our students. This group is charged with creating a program design, determining the level of regional interest and developing a timeline for implementation.

The essential elements of the program have been outlined. The content areas to be addressed are reading, math and writing using the OSPI Instructional Modules as the key program curriculum. Two and a half hour sessions will be offered during the morning, afternoon and evening from June 28th through August 3rd. Instruction in the small classes will be individualized and designed around students' WASL results and pre/post diagnostic information. The target group will be tenth grade students who met level two on their spring WASL. Key to the success of the program will be the teachers selected for instruction. ESD 123 will actively recruit the most highly qualified teachers in our region to lead this program including National Board Certified teachers, Distinguished Title I teachers and teachers highly qualified in specified content area. Teachers from all participating districts will be represented on the instructional team.

This is an exciting initiative for our region and one which is quickly gaining attention across the state. Detailed information regarding student selection, registration and transportation will be available early this spring.

*For further information please contact Judy Reault,
509.544.5751 or jreault@esd123.org*

FOCUS ON FITNESS @ DAYTON ELEMENTARY

By Dallas Dickinson, Secretary at Dayton Elementary

Steps Challenge: It was amazing to be part of the recent Washington Health Foundation's Governor's Bowl Challenge (www.whf.org). Dayton Elementary joined Columbia County Health System and other local entities in logging steps during September and October. Columbia County Health System took first in the state in the challenge for health organizations. Combining the school and other community steps, Dayton as a community placed third in the challenge.

Logging 400 Miles: Fifth and sixth graders took a long walk October 27, out to the site of the Lewis & Clark silhouette display on Patit Rd. They walked about 5.5 miles total, eating lunch at the campsite before their return to the school. Prior to the walk, and inspired by a recent Corps of Discovery assembly, classes focused on the Lewis & Clark expedition, incorporating the study of history and health.

Marathon Runners: Preschool teacher Sue Yenney and her friend and fellow fitness enthusiast Lou Waggoner recently completed the Portland Marathon. Running this 26.2 miles was the culmination of months of training by the two women. Mrs. Yenney stated that completing the marathon has been her goal for several years, and she's happy to have reached that goal. Her "steps" went toward the Governor's Challenge, too.

ACADEMY FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By Dr. Judy Reault



Leaders across the region enjoyed an opportunity to learn and network with colleagues during the second session of the *Academy for Leadership Development* on December 7th with Dr. Michael Fullan. Dr. Fullan is the former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. Recognized as an international authority on educational reform, Michael is engaged in training, consulting, and evaluating change projects around the world.

The *Academy for Leadership Development* has grown out of the need to provide high quality professional development for school system leaders within our region. The focus of the work is on system-wide support for schools in their efforts for continuous improvement - developing instructional leaders to promote high performing schools. Building and sustaining leadership capacity to accomplish this goal is paramount to improving teaching and learning. Fifty-five school leaders are participating in the four-session series.

Dr. Fullan spoke about barriers to change, strategies for successful change, sustaining reform and capacity-building within systems. The format allowed time for participants to dialogue about the ideas that were presented with district teams and in role-alike groups. The most significant systems issues identified by the school leaders in this group included:

- Balancing management with leadership
- Large high school systems: making data useable; making small group work productive
- Time and distracters; Focus and direction
- Lack of alignment from district to building
- WASL and AYP issues impacting the development of principal leadership
- Analysis and interpretation of data
- Permission/authority to focus on fewer priorities
- Developing independent and specific plans of support for each principal
- Design with capacity and sustainability in mind

Dr. Fullan will return on February 22nd for the third session of ESD 123's *Academy for Leadership Development*. We are excited to continue our work with him!

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 16th-17: Dr. Rick and Rebecca Dufour will present a two-day workshop on *Building Professional Learning Communities*.

June 20th: Dr. Fullan will present a one-day workshop on *The Challenge of Change and Capacity-Building*. The audience is school district and building leaders. This session will serve as the kick-off for the 06-07 *Academy for Leadership Development* for principals.

*To register please contact Christina Martinez,
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COURSE OFFERINGS

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SPECIAL SERVICES
Links Training (Phonemic Awareness)
Date: Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$90.00 (\$5 late fee)
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Bonnie Decker
ESD Contact: Beth Harrington
Course Number: SS06-453-1

PREVENTION SERVICES
Domestic Violence & the Effects on Children
Date: February 24, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Deb Robbins
ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson
Course Number: PS06-559-1

PREVENTION SERVICES
Issues of Abuse
Date: March 16, 23, & 30, 2006
Time: Varies
Fee: \$70.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Casey Cramer
ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson
Course Number: PS06-500-3

TECHNOLOGY
Intermediate Excel
Date: February 7, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Linda Riley
ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell
Course Number: ET06-007-1

PREVENTION SERVICES
When Parents Are Part of the Problem
Date: February 28, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Martin Flemming
ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson
To Register: www.tobaccoprc.org

PREVENTION SERVICES
Strategies for Making Media Literacy Work in Schools & Communities
Date: March 21, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: New Mexico Media Literacy
ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson
To Register: www.tobaccoprc.org

TEACHING & LEARNING
Title 1 Regional Parent Conference
Date: February 10, 2006
Time: 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50.00
Location: Red Lion, Pasco
Instructor:
ESD Contact: Christina Martinez
Course Number: TLO6-662-1

PREVENTION SERVICES
Tom Jackson Presents Active Learning
Date: March 6, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50/\$75 non-consortium
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Tom Jackson
ESD Contact: Diane Shepherd
Course Number: PS06-502-2

TECHNOLOGY
Working with Access
Date: March 21 & 28, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$60.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Linda Riley
ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell
Course Number: ET06-014-1

TECHNOLOGY
Advanced Excel
Date: February 20, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Linda Riley
ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell
Course Number: ET06-008-1

TECHNOLOGY
Intermediate Word
Date: March 7, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Linda Riley
ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell
Course Number: ET06-002-1

TEACHING & LEARNING
Professional Learning Communities at Work
Date: May 16 & 17, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$400.00
Location: 3 Rivers Convention Center
Instructor: Dr. Richard & Rebecca Dufour
ESD Contact: Christina Martinez
Course Number: TLO6-613-1

SPECIAL SERVICES
Para Reading Training
Date: Feb.21,28, Mar. 7,14,21, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$125.00 (\$10 late fee)
Location: Othello
Instructor: Bonnie Decker
ESD Contact: Beth Harrington
Course Number: SS06-450-3

TECHNOLOGY
Advanced Word
Date: March 14, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00
Location: ESD 123
Instructor: Linda Riley
ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell
Course Number: ET06-003-1

See back for a full description & more information.

For Registration Information, Contact the ESD Receptionist

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations are due with full payment (check, credit card, or P.O.) at least one week prior to class date.

You may send or fax your registration. Registration fees are only refundable if the class is cancelled.

Registrations are made on a first-come first-served basis. **For a registration form, please see the ESD 123 Web site: www.esd123.org**

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Professional Learning Communities at Work



with Dr. Richard & Rebecca Dufour

May 16 & 17, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ~ Three Rivers
Convention Center

TL06-613-1



INTRODUCTION

The **Professional Learning Communities at Work** conference is designed to help educators implement the most promising strategies for improving their schools in substantive ways. Every aspect of the program offers specific, practical strategies to help educators apply the powerful concepts of the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) model in their own school setting. The institute offers collective inquiry into best practices, reflections, renewal, networking, and planning for implementation.

TOPICS

Establishing a culture for learning. Identify existing policies in school systems that might actually inhibit learning; establish practical leadership practices and classroom strategies to engage the entire system in establishing a culture for learning.

Managing school improvement. Examine practical tools, strategies, and processes that will enable your school system to move its school improvement efforts forward with success.

Additional topics will include: Successful PLC Models; Supporting Research; Overcoming Barriers to Implementation; PLCs for Administrators; and Suggested Protocols.

CONFERENCE GOALS

The conference sessions are designed to give you the most information and practical strategies whether you are seeking to learn how to initiate the implementation of PLC principles in your school or are farther along the continuum of becoming a Professional Learning Community. Content includes laying the foundation of a learning community, communicating priorities, building a collaborative culture, and focusing on results.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is ideal for individual school teams of teachers, principals, and district admin. staff.

COST

\$400 per attendee, \$40 discount for district teams of five or more and received by April 21, 2006.

LOCATION

Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 W. Grandridge Blvd., Kennewick 509.735.9400

www.threeriversconventioncenter.com

For more information please contact Christina Martinez,

509.544.5750 or cmartinez@esd123.org

ESD 123

33rd Annual Regional High School Art Show

This year marks the 33rd Annual ESD 123 Regional High School Art Show sponsored by Educational Service District 123 and Columbia Basin College. This event encourages students in our area and Washington State to showcase their artistic talents and offers recognition for their abilities and hard work. High schools in our 23 districts in Southeastern WA are invited to participate.



This year's art will be displayed March 6-23, 2006 at Columbia Basin College in the Byron Gjerde Center in Pasco.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact Tricia Hilt at ESD 123, 509.544.5740 or thilt@esd123.org

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY, TRI-CITIES

You can earn a Master of Ed Degree(M.Ed.); a Master in Teaching (M.I.T.) Degree; a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W); or a Bachelor of Arts in Ed. (B.A. in Ed.) in the Tri-Cities.

The Graduate program is offered on a weekend model and the Undergraduate program is offered on an evening model.

All classes are held at Columbia Basin College in Pasco.

For more information, contact Paul Dowdy 509.546.1438 or dowdy_p@heritage.edu

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