



The Bay Area Teacher Development Collaborative

Dear Members of the BATDC,

As the Collaborative begins its tenth year, we would like to celebrate and honor the commitment and support of so many of you. The BATDC is unique in several ways, and the connections it has encouraged among educators from all around the greater San Francisco area have resulted in profound learning and inquiry. In 2009 – 2010 we will deepen our work together through a number of programs and events.

At a time when financial pressures on school budgets demand that professional development dollars be spent strategically and prudently, the Collaborative continues to offer excellent, cost-effective, local opportunities to its members. Annual dues have remained the same, and this year, in celebration of BATDC's first decade, we will offer a number of special events at no charge to members. Notices of two of them are included in this mailing, and I hope you will post them. Please pass along the Board Chair invitation to your board chair. More details will follow soon.

Enclosed are the registration materials for each of the on-going programs sponsored by the Collaborative this year. The programs are:

- Experienced Administrators Program
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Department Chairs Program
- Learning Communities Network
- Collaborative Curriculum Study Program
- Four Regional Study Groups:
 - Technology in the K-8 Classroom (East Bay)
 - Environmental Sustainability (Marin)
 - Social and Emotional Learning (Peninsula)
 - Teaching to the Range of Student Abilities (San Francisco)

This year we have some additions to our outstanding group of facilitators, and I am absolutely delighted to offer their exceptional leadership and talents to you. All of us are excited about the year to come and look forward to working with you to improve and sustain our growth as educators.

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

The Bay Area Teacher Development Collaborative
35 Keyes Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94129

All the best,
Janet McGarvey



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Program Registration

Program: Learning Communities Network

Facilitator: Ann Jaquith, Ph.D.

In its fourth year, The Learning Communities Network (LCN) will continue to support schools in their efforts to develop, deepen and sustain ongoing professional conversations about teaching and learning. As educators, we recognize the need for ongoing and thoughtful professional conversations about teaching and learning at all levels within our schools. As school leaders, we know that it is critical that we provide the organizational, social and knowledge resources to support having these conversations regularly in our schools. However, achieving this aim is rarely a straightforward or simple task.

This year the LCN will build upon its past three years of experience and draw upon the findings from Ann’s doctoral work at Stanford in which she researched the particular characteristics of professional community that both enable and constrain participants’ learning. We will explore the role of distributed school leadership and examine how the development of teacher leaders can become a mechanism for spreading instructional knowledge within your school. Finally, through ongoing reflection on your own school’s efforts to nurture professional community, we will explore ways that your school can develop the organizational conditions to support continuous and generative learning.

Proposed Dates: Four meetings (two full day, two half day) throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.

- September 10 [full day]
- Nov. 6 [half day]
- Dec. 10 [half day]
- Feb 5 [full day]

Cost: \$1000 for the first participant from a school and \$500 each for additional participants. There is a minimum of two participants because of the team approach to this program. (For non-members of the BATDC, the cost is an additional \$300 per participant)

Name	Position	Email Address
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Please send completed registration to BATDC, 35 Keyes Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129.