

# New York State Staff Development Council

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**Vision: All teachers in all New York State schools will experience high quality professional learning as part of their daily work by 2007.**

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## Perspective - Linda Lindner, NYSSDC Board Member

We invite you to join your colleagues at a unique New York State Staff Development Council professional development opportunity for educators in New York State: The NYSSDC Academy. The NYSSDC Academy is a two year experience modeled closely after the National Staff Development Academy.

The Academy is a series of four all day sessions located around the State. Each all day session will include a session the evening before the presentation to further enhance the next day session. The highest quality presenters will focus on job-embedded, sustained, collaborative learning experiences. Models will be provided to assist you in developing continuous improvement in your district for teaching and student achievement.

The sessions will begin on April 1- 2, 2006 in the Rochester prior to the NYSSDC Annual Conference, with Dennis Sparks, Executive Director of the NSDC on Leading with Results. The remaining sessions continue:

- October 2006 with Mike Ford, Superintendent of Phelps-Clifton Springs C.S. and Past President of NSDC on Leading and Facilitating Change.
- Spring 2007 with Joellen Killion, Assessing Impact - Evaluating Staff Development, Saratoga
- Fall 2007 with Kathy Wegman & Mike Ford, Facilitation Skills/ Presentation Skills.

Locations and dates to be determined at convenience of Academy

## Powerful Words

Creating and sharing knowledge is central to effective leadership.

*Michael Fullan*

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## Key Dates

members. Each one of these sessions is worth the \$995 registration fee, but you get to attend all four sessions and spend time with like minded professionals.

Meet and network with educational leaders with common interests and positions from across the State. Develop professional relationships while exploring professional learning and the critical connection to student learning. Participation in focused conversations to share knowledge, imagination and designs for the future will energize and inspire.

Be a part of the NYSSDC Academy - be an instrument of change in your district!

To register or nominate someone, contact:

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## High Quality Professional Learning

**Join us in Rochester** - The NYSSDC Annual Conference will be held in Rochester, April 2-4, 2006. Dennis Sparks, Executive Director of National Staff Development Council will be the keynote speaker. We have assembled an outstanding program of New York Educators sharing best practices contributing to high quality professional learning. Join us at the conference to gather new ideas and network with leading professional development colleagues. Download the [brochure](#) and send in your registration today!

**Sharing Best Practices** - As part of our effort to work toward the vision of "all teachers experiencing high quality professional learning," we are adding a section to the newsletter to highlight and share best practices. In this section we will be describing innovative ways that schools are providing high quality professional development to teachers and on a more frequent basis. Help others by sharing your innovations in professional development. Click [here](#) and take a moment to send us an email to describe your best practices so that we can share them in future newsletters.

## Association News

April 2-4, 2006  
[NYSSDC Annual Conference Rochester, NY](#)

July 16-19, 2006  
[NSDC Summer Conference Washington, DC](#)

Dec. 2-6, 2006  
[NSDC Annual Conference Nashville. TN](#)

Submit dates of your statewide professional to [Dick Jones](#)

## Education Links

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- [BOCES](#)
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- [NYSSBA](#)
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## Staff Development Links

**NSDC Reception** - We had a wonderful reception at the NSDC conference in Philadelphia. Nearly 100 members attended the gathering at the Hard Rock Cafe adjacent to the host hotel for the conference. This was the best attended reception in our organization's history, and all who attended enjoyed a great time. New Yorkers from Long Island to Western New York were in attendance. Nearly thirty attendees left with door prizes that consisted of Hard Rock Cafe shirts, hats, and other products. The upcoming Professional Development Academy was announced at the reception and flyers were distributed to those in attendance. We look forward to seeing everyone again at a future NYSSDC event.

**Invite Membership** - Our goal is to distribute this newsletter and share professional learning with all New York Educators. Forward this email to colleague. If you did not receive this email directly from NYSSDC go to the [Registration Site](#) to sign up and indicate areas of interest (Membership is free).

At the bottom of this email are links to remove your name from our email list, if you wish.

Help contribute to the Newsletter, send announcements and ideas to the Newsletter contact [Dick Jones](#).

## Resources

**Need for Change** - If you are looking for current examples of the need for change, Bill Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education has recently shared two white papers on [Globalization](#) and [Technology](#). You can download these papers from the [International Center web site](#).

**Success in High Schools** -The Education Trust's two newest reports highlight the practices of high schools that are getting the job done and improving student achievement, especially for the poor and minority children traditionally underserved by the American high school. Getting The Job Done: How Some High Schools Are Boosting Student Achievement. ([Gaining Traction](#); [Gaining Ground](#)) ([The Power to Change](#))

All previous [Resources](#) from past newsletters are now on our web site.

## Technology Tools

- [Teacher Centers](#)
- [NYSCATE](#)
- [NYSCEE](#)

**Surveys** - If you are looking for tools to conduct online surveys, there are a number of excellent and easy to use tools available. [Zoomerang](#) is a popular tool that has free options for simple surveys and cost \$350 annually for schools. [SurveyMonkey](#) is another popular tool that is free for basic accounts and has a full subscription for \$200 annually.

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## Member News

Congratulations, to Board member, **Christine Lowden**. Her article, "Reality Check: Survey Highlights the Disparity Between the Ideal and Real in Professional Learning Programs." was published in the Winter edition of the Journal of Staff Development. Christine also presented at the recent NSDC conference with colleagues from Arlington School District.

**This is a section for news items of NYSSDC members. Have you been appointed to a new position, received an award, written book or published an article? Share the great news with colleagues. Send a note to [Dick Jones](#), Newsletter Editor.**

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