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Please Join Us! KASCD Just-in-Time Training: "Using MTSS for School Improvement" will be USA Pre-Conference

Where will you be on January 28? Join us for an interactive day of learning about one district's K-12 journey into MTSS. Join colleagues in considering the integration of MTSS into all school processes, including setting the framework for the guaranteed and viable curriculum, powerful instruction, assessment to drive instruction, data driven decision making, and meaningful professional learning through PLCs, coaching and other staff development models. MTSS is not another thing to do—it is the organizer for the great work we are doing now under the umbrella of school improvement. Come and see how to "stack the tasks" of meaningful learning for each student while improving our schools at the same time.

Please go to the [USA website](#) and register for the Pre-Convention seminar at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita- KASCD member registration is only \$125 and non-members is \$150. All participants will receive a copy of the book, *Using RTI for School Improvement*, by Shores and Chester.

Award Winners to be Recognized at KASCD/NCA Luncheon January 29th, by Kellie Gillespie, Awards Chair

Who will receive the Curriculum Leader of the Year Award? Who will receive the Assessment Coordinator of the Year Award? Find out who these outstanding leaders are, and other award winners, too, at our annual luncheon! If you have not yet registered for the KASCD/NCA Awards Luncheon held Thursday, January 29th at 11:30 at the Hyatt Regency during the USA Conference, email [Kim Torrez](#) or register at [USA!](#)

Our speaker will be the keynoter from USA, Tm Bloch! Tom Bloch joined H & R Block and eventually succeeded his father Henry Bloch as CEO. Nealy 20 years later, he stepped down and became an inner-city teacher. He continues to teach middle school math. Only advance registration is accepted for the luncheon, and hopefully you registered for it with the conference on the USA card, but if you can only make it to the luncheon, **be sure to register by NO LATER than Wednesday, January 21st** - cost is only \$25. See you there!

Next KASCD Curriculum Conversation January 22, 2009– Please Join Us!

[Leadership Academy
I a Success! by
Sherry Reed, Co-
Chair](#)

Reminder

REGISTER FOR USA

**REGISTER FOR THE
KASCD/NCA
LUNCHEON by
January 21st!**

Mark your calendars now! Please join us for an informal curriculum conversation from 5-7 p.m. on January 22nd about any burning topic you might have! We will meet at the Clubhouse Inn meeting room in Topeka. For those interested in professional conversation, join your colleagues for a time to relax! For those who plan to stay overnight for the KSDE Curriculum Leaders meeting the next day, you are welcome to make your reservations at the [Clubhouse Inn](#) and ask for the government rate.

KASCD Networking/KSDE Curriculum Leaders Meeting January 23, 2009

KASCD will provide the networking session before the KSDE Curriculum Leaders Meeting on January 23, 2009, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. If you have a topic you would like to have included in the round table discussion, please e-mail KASCD president, [Judy Welter](#).

KANSAS ASCD MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION by President Judy Welter

The Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) mission statement is, **“ASCD, a community of educators, advocating sound policies and sharing best practices to achieve the success of each learner.”** The Kansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (KASCD) is leading this charge for Kansas educators.

On November 4, 2008, KASCD, in collaboration with the Kansas Staff Development Council (KSCD), held the joint **annual fall institute**. The keynote presenter, Dr. Marcia Tate, presented 20 professional learning strategies that engage and motivate the adult learner, and increase understanding and long-term retention. These strategies were based on research related to brain-based learning, differentiated instruction, multiple intelligences, and adult learning.

The **Curriculum Leaders Academy I Workshop** was held November 17 at the Smokey Hill Education Service Center in Salina, Kansas. The success of the workshop contributed to the excellent presentations by KASCD members and participation by textbook and assessment vendors. The topics presented to the participants included:

Timelines & Deadlines: How to Organize?

Resources: Who to Call and Where to Turn?

The Big Three to Know

Implementation/Monitoring

The How to of On-line Instruction

How to Effectively Interact and Build Networking with Sales Representatives

The follow-up of Academy I is available as an on-line workshop called Academy II. Enrollment for this Academy is available through the KASCD website. Topics for this training include:

-Professional Learning Communities

-Planning for Systemic Staff Development

-Assessment for Learning

-Systemic Change

A Just-In-Time training offered this year by KASCD will occur as a pre-conference directly before the United School Administrators Conference. **On**



Wednesday, January 28, MTSS for School Improvement will be the USA pre-conference. The purpose of the conference will to provide support to districts as MTSS is implemented and to share how MTSS is connected to school improvement. Cara Shores and Kim Chester's book entitled, **Using RTI for School Improvement** will be used as a component of the conference.

Through projects as listed above, it is obvious that KASCD supports the ASCD mission statement of advocating sound policies and sharing best practices to achieve the success of each learner. Thus continual professional collaboration of educators will support all educators with making a significant difference in the area of teaching and learning.

KASCD President Invited to Vietnam and Cambodia with Dr. Gene Carter, ASCD Executive Director

Judy Welter had the privilege of being a member of a delegation lead by Dr. Gene Carter, ASCD Executive Director, journeying to Vietnam and Cambodia for 16 days in December as an ASCD International Ambassador. Judy is our president this year, and currently the Curriculum Director for Paola Public Schools.

First, the delegation attended an exchange with staff at the Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City Pedagogical University. This university was established in 1976 after the fall of Saigon and specializes in training of teachers and lecturers. The university also participates in educational collaboration with 50 universities worldwide. Judy also received information pertaining to the Vietnam primary (elementary), junior high, high schools and the center for visually impaired children. Vietnam is presently working hard to reform the education system. The country's aim is to train people to serve the country, people, and government. The government is striving to feed, clothe and educate the masses to eliminate poverty and illiteracy. This open policy began in 1986. The Ministry of Education determines and provides the curriculum and textbooks. The government assists with fees for teacher training. Students with disabilities are schooled through private, charitable funds. Use of some technology was observed. Kindergarten is available privately. Vocational schools are available for post high school students. Students wear uniforms and attend school for ½ day. The teaching of English begins at the high school level.

The visitation in **Cambodia began at the office of the Ministry of Education** where the delegation spoke to the Secretary of State and several Cabinet members. During the Pol Pot Regime of the late 70s, approximately 90% of all teachers were killed. Thus the country is rebuilding its educational system. At a junior high school, classes of 50 to 60 students were observed. There were lights in the classroom, but worked ineffectively. A white marker board was the main teaching tool and internet and computers were not available. Students attend school ½ day and then take turns keeping the school clean. Student fingerprints are placed on a report card that resembles a tradition USA report card. Students with disabilities are educated by charity organizations or aren't schooled. Many rural boys become monks to escape poverty and illiteracy. The Ministry of Education's goal is to educate all students, improve teacher training, collaborate with developed countries, and to reform education at low cost with high impact and ease.

Third Annual KASCD Curriculum Leadership Academy I a Success! by Sherry Reed, Co-Chair

More than 20 people attended the Curriculum Leadership Academy I at the Smoky Hill Service Center in Salina on November 17, 2008. The



first session in the KASCD Academy series focuses on the "nuts and bolts" of curriculum leadership in Kansas districts. The day was divided into four sessions which included Timelines and Deadlines, Resources, Curriculum Processes, and Implementation and Monitoring. Participants represented many roles in school districts ranging from teachers to superintendents. There were also participants who work outside of school districts.

The academy also provided participants with direct contact with 8 vendors from companies that are common in Kansas school districts. This opportunity gave the participants some keen insight into dealing with bids and materials and just getting to know the company representatives in a more personal "face to face" interaction.

KASCD wishes to thank the staff at the Smoky Hill Education Service Center for being our gracious hosts! The central location helped more people participate in the academy!

Participants in this academy and those who have already completed Academy I are eligible to enroll in the Academy II on-line course.

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