

## **TO: All Washington Private School Leadership, Faculty and Staff**

*The Washington Federation of Independent Schools and the Puget  
Sound Educational Service District  
have designed a workshop day just for you!*

### **Private Schools Day**

**October 27, 2009 - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Puget Sound ESD**

**800 Oakesdale Ave. SW, Renton, WA 98057**

*Don't miss this opportunity to gain significant insight and current information  
specifically relating to private schools!*

**Registration Deadline: October 19, 2009**

**Fee: \$72.00 (or \$63/person for a school group of three or more)**  
(Reg. Fee includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

**Six *Clock Hours* Available through the ESD @ \$12.00**  
(*Clock Hours* free to WFIS members through [www.my247ed.com](http://www.my247ed.com))

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#### **DESCRIPTION:**

WFIS, in partnership with the Puget Sound ESD, is proud to again present this special all-day forum for private and independent schools. Join other administrators, teachers, paraeducators, technology specialists, and interested parties from the preschool and K-12 educational community in hearing informative presentations by private school and ESD staff. A vendor showcase will also be on hand for you to browse services and support that are available to private schools at special discounts and rates.

#### **Conference Program**

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| 8:00-8:30   | Registration, Breakfast, Networking, and Vendor/ESD Showcase |
| 8:30-9:30   | General Session and Keynote: Private School Leadership Panel |
| 9:40-10:10  | Vendor and ESD Showcase                                      |
| 10:20-11:25 | Breakout Sessions #1   |

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| 11:25-12:55 | Lunch, Networking, and Vendor/ESD Showcase |
| 12:55-2:00  | Breakout Sessions #2                       |
| 2:10-3:15   | Breakout Sessions #3                       |
| 3:15-3:30   | Clock Hours, Evaluations, and Drawing      |

## Opening Welcome

***Terry Hippenhammer, Executive Director, Technology Services, PSESD***  
***Judy Jennings, Executive Director, Washington Federation of Independent Schools***

## Keynote

### Private School Leadership Panel

**Leaders from three exemplary private schools will discuss their best practices:**

***Rob Camner, Head of School, Charles Wright Academy (Seattle)***  
***Cindy Davis, Dean of Students, Bellarmine Preparatory School (Tacoma)***  
***Ron Taylor, Superintendent, Bellevue Christian Schools (Bellevue)***

## Breakout Sessions #1 (10:20 am - 11:25 am)

### **What's New in Special Education!**

This presentation will cover the new innovations, procedures and processes that surround special education in our PSESD region. Specifically, various new innovations, like Response to Intervention (RTI), are being implemented in many schools; and the new state system of compliance verification has completed its first year cycle. This presentation will give you a current understanding of what's new in special education! ***Gordon Linse, Executive Director, Learning/Teaching and Family Support, PSESD***

### **Superintendents Forum**

This will be an informal time for school superintendents and heads to dialog with Dr. Bridges about topics of school leadership. ***Dr. Monte Bridges, Superintendent, Puget Sound ESD***

### **Panel on Early Childhood Education**

The Panel will discuss transferring children from private early childhood education programs and schools to public school. Information will be shared about the Preschool-Third Grade (P-3) efforts in our state and the process underway to develop WA State's Early Learning Plan and recommendations to the Governor. The Panel will also share information about local initiatives around transition from early childhood programs to kindergarten, including the Getting School Ready and FACES efforts in King County and the Linkages program in Pierce County. ***Claire Wilson, Executive Director, ECEAP, PSESD; Cheri Stefani, Executive Director, Head Start, PSESD; and Mary Seaton, Director, Early Learning, OSPI***

### **State Board of Education Graduation Requirements: Current and Proposed**

The State Board of Education has recently changed the math graduation requirement and proposed a CORE 24 framework of new graduation requirements to be implemented when funding is secured. This session will review the current and proposed requirements and provide time for feedback on the implementation issues the Board's CORE 24 Implementation Task Force is currently considering. *Kathe Taylor, Policy Director, State Board of Education*

## **Breakout Sessions #2 (12:55pm-2:00pm)**

### **Participation in Federal Programs: Everything You Always Wanted to Know**

The supplemental services provided through the Title Programs, Carl Perkins, and various competitive grants are available for private schools to access. These services can help support your students and teachers. During this presentation we will share information about the program, and how a private school could participate, and answer any questions that may arise. *Barbara Quick, Private School Programs Coordinator, Seattle Public Schools; and Gayle Pauley, Director, Title I, OSPI*

### **Effective Practices in Bullying Prevention**

This hour will provide an overview for you to discover how employing a combination of strategies school-wide and in the classroom can decrease bully behavior, improve student bonding to school and create a climate and culture shift so all students feel safe and ready to learn. *Jennifer MacKillop, Program Manager, Prevention Center, PSESD*

### **Update on WA School Environmental Health and Safety Rules and Indoor Air Quality**

The WA state legislation is currently working on modernization of its school environmental health and safety rule (WAC 246-366A), with the new updated rule proposed to take effect on July 1, 2010. This session will provide information on the major new provisions and how they might affect schools in the future. It will also address the most hotly debated current issue in the rules: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). Will provide insight on how schools/districts can prepare and enable themselves to perform a basic IAQ problem recognition and problem solving. *Elizabeth Jakob, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, Workers' Compensation Trust, PSESD*

### **Engage Your Students with Thinkfinity**

What is Thinkfinity? Thinkfinity is the Verizon Foundation's free, comprehensive program and online portal to 55,000 educational resources. The site offers standards-based, grade-specific, K-12 lesson plans and student interactives provided in partnership with many of the top education and literacy experts and organizations in the U.S. This workshop will lead you through the vast wealth of high-quality content and explore ways to enliven your classroom. *Anne Allen, Director, Washington Learning Source*

## **Breakout Sessions #3 (2:10 pm - 3:15 pm)**

### **Legislative Advocacy**

The 2009 Washington legislative session contained many critical issues for private schools. Private schools are also working with a new State Superintendent. At the same time, the national education agenda also holds major implications for our schools. In this session you will learn about the impact of those proposed and/or passed state and federal bills, as well as WFIS's proposed advocacy for the upcoming year for both state and national issues. Tools to help administrators be effective advocates for their schools will also be discussed. *Judy Jennings, Executive Director, Washington Federation of Independent Schools*

### **Using Formative Assessments**

Formative assessment is a planned process in which teachers or students use assessment-based evidence to adjust what they are currently doing. When implemented well, it is one of the most powerful strategies for increasing student achievement. Come learn and discuss the types of assessments and assessment techniques that encourage students to learn. *Julie Rolling, Executive Director, Learning & Teaching, PSESD; and Marlene Fuson, Assistant Superintendent, Learning, Teaching, and Family Support, PSESD*

### **Puget Sound ESD: How Can We Help?**

This will be an interactive session. We'll explore services and resources currently available from PSESD and how your schools can participate and benefit. We will also discuss your ideas for other services you would like to see offered specifically for private/independent schools. *Joan Tritchler, Assistant to the Superintendent, Communications & Governmental Relations, PSESD*

### **Web 2.0 Tools and the Classroom**

There are now many oddly-named tools (such as blogs and wikis) available on the web for a variety of purposes, all focused on different aspects of collaboration and communication. This session will give an overview of the trends of these rapidly-evolving tools and insight as to how they are being effectively applied in classrooms. *Conn McQuinn, Director, Educational Technology Support Center, PSESD*

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