

TO: All Staff

FROM: Professional Development Day Committee

DATE: November 9, 2009

We would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for taking part in our professional development day and participating in our new and improved online evaluation system. Your evaluations will assist us in organizing more effective professional development days in the future. There were many positive comments as well as some negative ones. We appreciate the constructive criticism as it helps us to build stronger professional development opportunities.

The presentations on technology were for the most part well received. The purpose of the technology presentations was to provide an overview of the capabilities of each technology initiative. We managed to rotate all staff through each program's introduction on November 3. Based on many requests noted in the evaluations we are planning additional workshops on Nettekter and Discovery Education. There is also full online course on Moodle for those of you who are interested in using this valuable tool. Rich Trotta can provide you with additional information for enrolling in the comprehensive Moodle course.

Evaluations show that the keynote speaker in the afternoon did not live up to our expectations. His message was intended to motivate and inspire. Most people felt that the goal was not realized and his comments in many cases were inappropriate. We want you to know speakers are selected based on recommendations of individuals who have heard him/her speak on previous occasions. This was the case with this individual. Unfortunately the message he delivered that day was not consistent with what was heard in the past.

Again we thank you for your participation in the day's program and for your honest feedback which greatly assists us in developing future professional development programs.