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“Classroom Formative Assessment – Supporting Student Learning”

Featuring

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Friday, November 6, 2009

Sessions begin at 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration begins at 7:30 AM

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

Course #: 10-301

Classroom formative assessment, appropriately used, can yield dramatic improvements in students’ learning. Yet few educators really understand what formative assessment is and what it isn’t. This MESPA Fall Conference professional development experience will guide teachers in exploration and application of formative assessment, and guide instructional leaders in supporting and sustaining its use. The day-long workshop will be organized into some whole-group, some school-team, and some across-team role-alike sessions. This experience will help participants to:

- Understand the nature of classroom formative assessment, how it fits in balance with other assessment types, and how it helps teachers to adjust instruction to improve learning and students to be more involved in their own learning.
- Discover practical strategies in formative assessment, in the areas of (a) sharing learning targets and criteria for good work, (b) feedback that feeds forward, (c) student goal-setting, (d) student self-assessment, (e) planning for and asking strategic questions, and (f) engaging students in asking effective questions.
- Identify policies and practices that leaders can use to support classroom formative assessment, including identifying key characteristics of classrooms where effective formative assessment is in place.

SUSAN BROOKHART is an independent educational consultant based in Helena, Montana. She is an ASCD Faculty Member and a Senior Research Associate in the School of Education at Duquesne University. Before becoming a consultant, she was professor and chair of the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership at Duquesne University, and previous to that was an elementary and middle school classroom teacher. Brookhart has spent the last 20 years studying and writing about classroom assessment practices and is internationally known as a scholar in this field. She specializes in bringing research-based strategies into practical applications, working with classroom teachers and school administrators to customize strategies for their locations. She is the author or co-author of several books and many articles on classroom assessment, including ASCD’s *How to Give Effective Feedback to Your Student*; the professional learning community workbook, *Exploring Formative Assessment*; and the Action Tool, *Formative Assessment Strategies for Every Classroom*.

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