

Find Out Why?...

- Why is everyone talking about Professional Learning Communities?
- Why should you and your leadership team implement this culture of collaboration at your school?
- Are you willing to “learn by doing” to improve student achievement?

The Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute is designed to help educators implement the most promising strategies for improving their schools in substantive ways. Every aspect of the program offers specific, practical strategies to help educators apply the powerful concepts of the PLC at Work model in their own school setting. The institute offers collective inquiry into best practices, reflection, renewal, networking, and planning for implementation.

To Register:

Available July 1, 2008

1. Go to the OCDE homepage at www.ocde.us
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Professional Development &
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presents

The Power of Professional Learning Communities at Work

Dr. Richard
&
Rebecca DuFour

October
13-14, 2008
Hilton Costa Mesa

3050 Bristol St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



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County Superintendent of Schools

Your Presenters:



Richard DuFour, Ed.D., is one of the nation's foremost authorities on applying the principles of Professional Learning Communities in the real world of schools. During his tenure as the principal of Adlai Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Illinois, from 1983 to 1991 and as superintendent of the district from 1991 to 2002, Stevenson became "one of the most recognized and celebrated schools in America" (United States Department of Education). Dr. DuFour is author of eight books, three video-resources, and over 40 professional articles. Rick and Becky have worked for and consulted with professional organizations, school districts, universities, and state provincial departments of education throughout North America.



Rebecca DuFour, M.Ed., is the co-author of four books with Bob Eaker and Rick DuFour and is featured in the Video Journal series, "Elementary Principals as Leaders of Learning." As an elementary principal, she helped her school earn state and national recognition as a model Professional Learning Community. She has written for numerous professional journals, writes book reviews for the Journal of Staff Development, and authors a quarterly column for the NAESP's Leadership Compass.



• **Leading, Coaching and Facilitating Groups:**

In this four-day training, site teams will build capacity as PLC leaders by practicing Coaching and communication skills and developing processes and protocols for effective collaboration.

For more information, contact:
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• **Video Conference With the DuFours**

An opportunity for site teams implementing PLCs to engage in a lively discussion with the DuFours and OC/PLC.

December 16, 2008

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March 17, 2009

(various sites throughout OC)

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• **Support for Program Improvement Schools:**

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Event Information:

Dates: October 13 -14, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Costa Mesa

Cost: \$400

(Includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, materials,
and the latest book by the DuFours
and Robert Eaker "Professional Learning Communities
at Work Plan Book")

Registration: July 1, 2008
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Deadline: Registration will close
when event is full or on
September 13, 2008,
whichever occurs first.

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