



Superintendent- Principal Report

Professional Development



Meet the Grant Makers

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A FULL-DAY SYMPOSIUM AND SEMINAR-PANEL DISCUSSION AMONG OFFICIALS OF LEADING NEW JERSEY FOUNDATIONS

(Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Alcatel-Lucent Foundation, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, Prudential Foundation)

Implications for West Amwell Elementary School:

- Issue-based, provide financial support for social change, ease of replication
- Innovation, not simply providing support for inadequacy of school funding
- They cannot be the primary resource, there must be an “Exit Plan”
- Clear evaluation of success, performance measurement
- Best time to submit proposal is end of October

Where do you find grant-making priorities for each Foundation.

Application process, making personal connections prior to submitting proposal.



New Jersey Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference

Dr. Mike Schmoker presented a wonderful presentation on The Opportunity: Moving from "Brutal Facts" to the Best Schools We've Ever Had".

Implications for West Amwell Elementary School:

- Importance of "*scaffolding*": Teach a little, stop, check for understanding
- Developing Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)
- "If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it" Lord Kelvin

For swift dramatic improvement focus on these 3 areas: PLC's, Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum and Radical Changes to Literacy Instruction (Writing focus)



“Plan Today...Prepared Tomorrow”

Crisis and Emergency Preparedness for School Administrators and Personnel

Workshop Objectives

- Provide school personnel with information on how to incorporate the new model procedures for responding to critical incidents into existing school safety plans.
- Properly assess crisis planning efforts.
- Review practical best practices and examine national school security lessons learned.
- Memorandum of Agreement Between Districts and Law Enforcement is now much more comprehensive

Application to West Amwell Elementary School:

Updating BOWMAC Software

Revising Fire Exit Procedure and Relocation Site

Identifying and meeting with Key Personnel of Critical Management Team

Reviewing District Emergency Plan




Testimony to the New Jersey Education Finance Committee

- Testimony Handout
- New Funding Formula Impact
- Cost and impact of Special Education on School Budgets (Out of District Placements, Transportation costs etc.)
- Shared Services
- Suggestions: Providing incentives for sharing, financial and other



Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment Workshop

- Mandated School Board Policy (first reading this month)
- New Regulations
- QSAC Connection (see handout)
- Mandatory Training
- Established committee including Faculty, Parents, Law Enforcement, School Board and Community members. Meeting scheduled for April 7th.



*Personal development is your
springboard to personal excellence.
Ongoing, continuous, non-stop personal
development literally assures you that
there is no limit to what you can
accomplish.*

Brian Tracy