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## Message from the President.... Education and the Federal Stimulus Plan

The federal stimulus plan allocates over \$100 billion dollars to public schools and institutions of higher learning across the country. For public schools, that means increased funding for early childhood programs like Head Start, programs for children age two and under who have disabilities, and services for homeless children. A large portion of these funds will be funneled through existing laws, such as IDEA and Title I, and a large piece of the pie will go to modernizing existing school buildings by installing state-of-the-art technology and developing 'green' energy projects.

An interesting part of this financial assistance will be used for competitive grants to states and school districts to establish "innovation zones", where principals and teachers will be encouraged to think outside the 'box' to develop and implement new, creative, and perhaps unconventional ways to improve student achievement.



The allocation of these stimulus funds represents the largest infusion of federal money into the public schools system since World War II. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, ASCD members received an e-mail from David Griffith, ASCD Director of Public Policy, regarding the allocation of stimulus funds to public schools. In this message, members were informed that ASCD has produced a summary of the major sources of education funding in the economic stimulus package, which includes examples of potential state and local activities for these funds. More information about this is available on ASCD's website at: [http://www.ascd.org/Public\\_Policy\\_Education\\_Stimulus\\_Resources.aspx](http://www.ascd.org/Public_Policy_Education_Stimulus_Resources.aspx). You can also find a breakdown of the state-by-state allocations for the Title I, IDEA, Education Technology, and a link to school district distributions for Title I and IDEA. As members of WVASCD, you may find this information valuable, and you can access an archived webcast of the briefing with federal Education Department officials at: <http://www.connectlive.com/events/deptedu/>.

Sincerely,  
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## West Virginia ASCD 3rd Annual Conference

Bridgeport Conference Center  
Bridgeport, WV

November 19, 2009

Dr. Robyn R. Jackson

Author of *Never Work Harder Than Your Students*

And

*The Instructional Guide to Strategic Conversations  
With Teachers*

WVASCD Call for Concurrent Session Proposals  
Annual Conference November 19, 2009  
Bridgeport Conference Center

**“Learn – Teach – Lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

The West Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development invites West Virginia educators to submit proposals for the WVASCD Conference to be held at the Bridgeport Conference Center on November 19, 2009. Deadline for proposals is September 11, 2009.

**Presentation Length:** 1 hour and 15 minutes

**Expectations:**

- Presentation topic must be related to the conference theme
- Conference Center provides LCD projector, screen, wireless internet connection
- Presenters must provide their own extension cords, laptops, other equipment special to their presentation, and presentation hand-outs for 30 people
- Presenters must register for the conference

**Title of Presentation:**

**Program Abstract:** Please provide a 50-word description of the objectives, content, and techniques to be included in your presentation. Indicate how participants can use the information. This description will appear in the conference program if your proposal is accepted.

**Presenter Information:** (Please include information on all presenters.)

Presenter 1:

Position:

School or Agency:

Address:

Telephone:
FAX:

E-mail: (*required)
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Presenter 2:
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Position:
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School or Agency:
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Address:

Telephone:
Fax:

Email: (*required)
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Target Audience (X all that Apply):

Pre-K	Elem.	Secondary	Post-Secondary
Teacher/Instructor		Supervisor/Administrator	

**E-Mail Proposals to: Tom Tull [ttull@access.k12.wv.us]  
 Questions? Contact Tom Tull at 304-586-0500, Ext. 170  
 Call for Proposals is also available at <http://wvascd.org>**

## Message from the Executive Director

This is my final message as Executive Director. I will assume the role of Newsletter Editor for the organization and am pleased to turn over the duties of Executive Director to Leonard Allen, Ed.D. I will continue to serve as a liaison between the West Virginia affiliate and ASCD and Virginia ASCD. Support from both of these organizations has been key in the formation of the West Virginia affiliate. I do feel, however, that the timing is right for the involvement of an Executive Director with the characteristics and experience of Dr. Allen. Many of you know him through his work in education throughout the state. I look forward to the next phase in the development of this affiliate.

Peggy McMaster, ED.D  
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### **Changes to the WVASCD Executive Board**

The board is pleased to welcome Leonard Allen, Ed.D. to the position of Executive Director, Cindy Daniel, Ed.D., as President-Elect and Helena Hazi, Ed.D., as Regional Representative from RESA VII.

#### **Leonard Allen, Ed.D.**

Leonard spent 35 years with the Kanawha County School System in Charleston, WV. He was a classroom teacher, elementary school principal for 15 years, special education curriculum specialist, Director of Elementary Instruction, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Curriculum & Instruction, Director of Professional Development, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools. He was also an adjunct professor for the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies and Marshall University for 23 years.

During his tenure in Kanawha County, Leonard was selected Principal of the Year, Educator of the Year, and was the West Virginia representative in the National Distinguished Elementary Principal Program (NAESP) in 1996. He was also recognized as an Outstanding West Virginian by Governor Gaston Caperton in 1996 for his work in establishing Family Resource Centers in public schools.

## Changes to the WVASCD Executive Board (cont'd)

After his retirement from Kanawha County Schools, Leonard served as a Senior Consultant for TeachFirst, Inc., an educational consulting company that assist K-12 schools in establishing and supporting school-based collaborative learning communities through state of the art trainings, video models of research-based instructional strategies, full-time consultants, and online resources. During his tenure with TeachFirst Leonard provided support to projects in Kanawha County, WV, Phoenix, AZ, Montgomery, AL, Harrisburg, PA, Anne Arundel County, MD, and El Paso, TX. He enjoys working with teachers and administrators on improving classroom instruction and professional development.

Leonard has BA and MA degrees from Marshall University, and a Doctorate in Education from West Virginia University with a major in Education Leadership Studies and a minor in Curriculum & Instruction. He currently serves on the boards of Pioneer West Virginia Federal Credit Union and West Virginia State University Extension Serviced.

**Cindy Daniel** brings a variety of leadership experiences to WVASCD, with 25 years of experience in Kanawha County Schools. She has worked as a special education teacher, curriculum supervisor, assistant principal for curriculum, and acting principal. Since July 2000, she has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Charleston, earned two master's degrees from WVCOGS and Marshall University, and a doctorate in leadership studies with a minor in curriculum and instruction from Marshall University. She currently serves on the board of directors for the WV Pioneer Federal Credit Union and is a member of the RESA III Advisory Council and Classroom Assessment Network.

**Helen M. Hazi** has been a Professor of Educational Leadership at West Virginia University and was an early member of ASCD as a central office supervisor. She tracks legal issues concerning teaching, learning, and supervision and her latest work focuses on teacher evaluation practices in the states. She received a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in Curriculum and Supervision.

### **RESA III**

We have an opening on the Board for a Regional Representative from RESA III. If you are interested, notify Dr. Harris-John at the email address on the front page of this newsletter.

## Highlights of the 2009 Legislative Retreat

West Virginia ASCD expresses thanks to Dr. Jack Yeager, Professor Emeritus of Leadership Studies at Marshall University Graduate College, for leading a discussion of educational issues and the legislative process at the second annual Legislative Retreat.



Peggy Hawse of RESA VIII with Senator Walt Helmick and his wife, Rita



Senator Roman W. Prezioso

We discussed issues that were important to attending legislators such as the school calendar and increased technology at the Reception and at the Capitol the following day. Plans are underway for a Third Legislative Retreat in 2010. An Influence Grant from ASCD supports this effort.

You may join WVASCD through the Joint Dues Program via ASCD annual renewal or by mailing a check to the WVASCD, 8 Roller Road, Charleston, WV 25314.  
Membership annual dues: \$25.00

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**WVASCD Mission:** to provide resources and services toward influencing educational decision makers in promoting excellence in learning, teaching, and leadership.