Wednesday Tentative Concurrent Sessions

Keynote follow-up with Ruth Dey.

NCLB/ NCA/QPA….How will this work?
Join members of the KSDE and KNCA staff for a discussion as to how all the pieces of NCA, QPA, and No Child Left Behind will fit together.

Presenters: Nancy Bolz, KNCA State Director
            Diane De Backer, KSDE

This presentation is appropriate for all levels.

Substitute Teaching Resources
This presentation will share current research about why there is a need for training substitute teachers. The information includes up-to-date materials used to train substitutes and resources used to strengthen substitute training programs.

Presenter: Kim Reimer    Dodge City Community College

This presentation is appropriate for administrators.

Implementing the 4Block Literacy Model
This presentation will explain how to help all children in the primary grades become better readers and writers. This presentation will focus on the 4 Block components:

- Guided Reading
- Working with Words
- Self-Selected Reading
- Writing

The presentation will provide an overview and hands-on activities for each block.

Presenters: Gloria Quattrone, Jamie Howel, Shari Koehn, Marcy Garcia
            Southlawn Elementary School, Liberal

This presentation is appropriate for elementary levels.

Power of “TION”

At Blue Valley Northwest High School we have implemented an information-accessing goal that has resulted in a six-point increase of our ITED scores. Our interventions include teaching information literacy skills and an original research based information search process. We have also developed several support tools designed for student and staff use.

Presenters: Jodi Johnson, Craig Odle    Blue Valley Northwest High School

This presentation is appropriate for middle and high schools.

We’re an NCA School…Now what do we do?
This session will lead you step-by-step through the beginning stages of the NCA school improvement process. Discussion will include suggestions for making the school improvement process easy and straightforward. Bring your questions and learn how to take the mystery out of the process.

Presenter: Sharon Bell, Assistant State Director, KNCA

This presentation is appropriate for those schools in their first NCA cycle of school improvement.

Merging Equity and Excellence: Meeting Higher Standards in the Face of Increased Diversity

Merging Equity and Excellence is a staff development program based upon the belief that through equity we reach excellence. With this three-dimensional program, teachers articulate course outcomes integrated with state and local standards, incorporate principles of differentiated instruction to assure that no child is left behind and integrate learning and memory strategies into daily teaching routines.

Presenters: Kim Garrett and Lee Ann Brunson, Pratt High School

This presentation is appropriate for all levels.
Mandatory Tutorial Program: “We Won’t Leave You Behind.”
One diverse high school shares its mandatory tutorial program for at-risk students. A four-step program assists students, depending upon their need: mandatory use of seminar, after-school catch-up sessions, re-starting classes at semester, and study skills classes to complement math and language arts courses. The program offers timely intervention which leads to student success.
Presenters: Shellaine Schwatken, Garden City High School
This presentation is appropriate for middle and high school levels.

Creating Change Through Professional Learning Communities
This presentation will provide examples of how Professional Learning Communities shift the school culture to enhance student learning. Participants will investigate critical elements of school reform supported through the professional learning community environment as described by Dr. Rick DuFour. Blue Valley High is in its fourth year of working as a professional learning community school.
Presenters: Dr. Dennis King, Blue Valley High School
This presentation is appropriate for all levels.

NCA and the New Teacher – Prepare to have your cheese moved!
This will be an overview of the NCA training designed to assist teachers in their first 3 years of teaching. Topics include:
- Five Best Practices of Classroom Professionals
- Traits of an Effective Teacher
- Constructing Assessments
- Children in Poverty
- Designing classroom projects and rubrics
Presenter: Kelly Gillespie, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center
This presentation is appropriate for all new teachers (1 – 3 years) & administrators.

Making Sense of the Third Team Visit Data
Participants will learn basic information about z-scores and their use for evaluating data. They will learn to take different types of assessment data and convert the data to standardized scores. The importance of the standardized scores for all stakeholders will also be shared.
Presenters: Cherry Deges, Linn Elementary, Dodge City and Nancy Bolz, State Director, KNCA
This presentation is appropriate for all levels.

“It’s the people, not the program.”
Change is not easy.
It’s the journey not the destination.
It’s the process not the product.
It’s the people not the program.
Pittsburg Middle School will take you through their process of continuous school improvement emphasizing the transition from QPA to NCA.
Presenters: Joe Bourbonville, Principal and staff members from Pittsburg Middle School

“I knjt spel.” Scientific Spelling – Will it help?
Abilene USD # 435 third through eighth grade teachers began last year using this spelling process with their students. We will share a brief description of the program and its implementation in the classroom.

Presenters: Wendy Klosterman & Donna Reynolds, Abilene Middle School
This presentation is appropriate for elementary and middle levels.
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SWABS, TOPS, Trees, & Clues
Participants will learn four teacher-friendly strategies to improve students’ reading, writing, and problem-solving skills across the curriculum. The presentation includes an overview, teaching tips, and ideas for improving reading, writing, and problem-solving skills for any age student. These research-based strategies are extremely effective for every classroom subject.

Presenters: Sheri King, Shanna Stribling, Tricia Whitney  South Middle School, Liberal
This presentation is appropriate for all levels.