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Bruce Wellman is co-director of MiraVia LLC. He consults for and presents to school systems, professional groups and publishers throughout the United States and Canada. His workshops and courses for teachers and administrators encompasses interactive/collaborative instruction, thinking skills development, learning focused conversations for supervisors and mentors, developing presentation skills and facilitating collaborative groups.

Mr. Wellman has served as a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator and staff developer in Oberline, OH and Concord, MA public schools. He holds a B.A. from Antioch College and a M. Ed. From Lesley College. His recent publications include:

Data-Driven Dialogue: A Facilitator's Guide to Collaborative Inquiry (with Laura Lipton)

Mentoring Matters; A Practical Guide to Learning focused Relationships (with Laura Lipton)

Pathways to Understanding Patterns and Practices in the learning-Focused Classroom (with Laura Lipton)

Teacher Talk That Makes a Difference (with Robert Garmston)

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Conference Follow-Up Session

Join Bruce Wellman on Friday, September 26, 2008 for a follow-up session at SERESC, Bedford, NH. Now that you've tried out the tools and skills, come back for refinements and more tools.

Then look to your area Local Education Support Center for additional follow-up opportunities throughout the year.

Questions

Please direct questions to lescn@lescn.org, call 603-690-2092 or contact your area center.

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Understanding Our Schools through Collaborative Inquiry

Tools for Data Teams

July 29 and 30, 2008

**Attitash
Grand Summit Resort
Bartlett, NH**

with follow-up session on
September 26, 2008

Data-Driven Dialogue: Tools for Collaborative Inquiry, Planning and Problem Solving

Join us for this two-day summer conference to learn practical framework and tools for developing and facilitating collaborative groups and conducting more satisfying meetings.

Explore ways to support the continual learning of all group members by helping teams to develop skills for collegial interaction, goal clarification, problem solving and decision making.

Expand your personal facilitation skills to help accelerate group development, increase task focus and enhance organizational productivity.

Develop high standards and accountability for student success, a greater capacity for problem solving and planning with data.

Learn to use rigorous inquiry in a supportive environment to create a commitment to action for school improvement.

Participants will develop knowledge and skills for:

- Energizing and focusing group members
- Promoting two ways of talking in groups: dialogue and discussion
- Introducing and mediating seven norms of collaborative group work
- Increasing group cohesion, interdependence and consensus
- Developing practical structures for using data
- Understanding and applying a three-phase model for guiding data-driven dialogue and collaborative inquiry
- Creating a repertoire of tools for mediating productive group learning, planning and problem solving



Link statistics and stories, numbers and narrative, and data and dialogue

Attending as team is recommended.

Your Data Team will -

Explore and apply a three-phase model that support productive collaborative inquiry.

Investigate strategies and structures that reduce defensiveness and create shared responsibility for student learning.



Note: To facilitate teaching the process of collaborative inquiry, sample data sets from an anonymous NH school and/or district will be used during the training. Participants do not need to bring their local data.

Online Registration

Visit www.lescn.org to register. Payment by purchase order, money order or check only. Sorry, credit card payment is not accepted. Payment must be received by May 23, 2008.

Conference Pricing

Two-Day Conference, one night hotel accommodations with single-occupancy, including September follow-up: \$550/person.

Two-Day Conference, one night hotel accommodations with double-occupancy, including September follow-up: \$500/person.

Two-Day Conference, no hotel accommodations, including September follow-up: \$450/person.

Conference price includes:

- Handouts and Book: *Data-Driven Dialogue: A Facilitator's Guide to Collaborative Inquiry*
- Continental breakfast - July 29 & 30
- Lunch - July 29 & 30
- Dinner (w/hotel accommodations only) - July 29

Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for the above rates is May 23, 2008. Registrations after that deadline are an additional \$25/person.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds after May 23, 2008. Substitutions accepted and advanced notice of change is appreciated.

Additional Nights

If you are interested in additional nights of hotel accommodations, contact the hotel for special conference pricing. Grand Summit Resort: 1-800-223-7669.

Note: The hotel is a non-smoking facility.