

Message from
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Whether you work at the national, state, regional, district or school building level, this is a most challenging time in public education. The economic climate, significant reform initiatives, and major social forces are causing us to become more focused on student learning, and change the way we work.



There are several things that we must do to ensure effective professional learning for all educators in New York State. We must align curriculum and instruction with rigorous student academic achievement standards and school improvement goals. We must make the time during the school day for facilitated well-prepared learning teams to analyze student, teacher, and school learning needs through a thorough review of data on teacher and student performance based upon the results of frequent common assessments. We must implement coherent, sustained, differentiated, and evidence-based learning strategies. We must provide classroom-based coaching or other forms of assistance to teachers that help support the transfer of new knowledge and skills to the classroom.

The international Learning Forward organization urges us to be committed to the vision of results-driven, standards-based, and job-embedded professional learning for all educators. Learning Forward New York is committed to taking the lead in making this happen.

Join us in spreading the word and sharing best practices. Please take an active role in Learning Forward New York so that we can ensure that **every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves.**

Learning Forward New York

New York Affiliate of
Learning Forward
(formerly National Staff
Development Council)



**Purpose: Every Educator
Engages in Effective
professional learning, Every
day, so Every student achieves.
(E6 for P-12)**

**A community of educators, passionate about
improving professional learning in P-12
education in New York State.**

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Who We Are

Learning Forward New York is the state affiliate of Learning Forward (formerly the NSDC - National Staff Development Council). As a professional not-for-profit association, we are committed to ensuring success for all students through professional development and school improvement. We view high quality professional development as essential to creating schools in which all students and staff members are learners who continually improve their performance.

What We Believe

- National and NYS standards define high quality professional learning.
- Every school employee deserves high quality, differentiated opportunities for professional learning.
- All educators have the responsibility to continuously learn in order to improve student achievement.
- Professional learning is evaluated on the impact to change instruction and improve student achievement.
- High quality professional learning improves and sustains professional performance.

Why We Advocate for Professional Learning

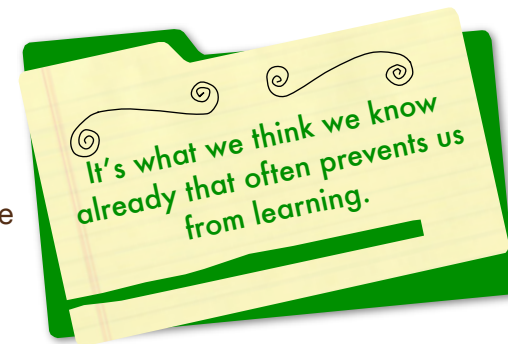
- State and local education leaders must emphasize the importance of professional learning.
- Effective leaders should model high quality professional learning through their action and associations.
- Teachers and administrators often work in isolation and increased collaboration contributes to school improvement and student success.
- Time devoted to professional learning must be increased without sacrificing student instruction.

What We Do

- **Identify and share best practices in professional learning.**
- **Advocate for high quality professional learning in schools in New York.**
- **Develop and deliver programs and services to New York Educators that promote the principles of high quality professional learning.**

What You Can Do

- Membership is free in Learning Forward NY, you only need to sign up and contribute your time and ideas.
- Use our materials to advocate for high quality professional learning in your school district.
- Collect evidence on effectiveness of professional learning.
- Volunteer for a committee in planning events.
- Read and share our newsletter.
- Join the online forums and discussions with New York Educators at <http://www.lfny.us>
- Write up a best practice on your school to share with others through Learning Forward newsletter/web site.
- Join Learning Forward national organization.



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