

E-mail message sent to all DSEA Local Association teacher presidents, and to the DSEA Executive Board  
June 3, 2010  
By DSEA President Diane Donohue

RE: Nominating teachers for DPASII Working Committees to define “sufficient student growth” and “multiple measures”

I’m sure you are all aware that Delaware has revised regulations related to DPAS II (Delaware Performance Appraisal System Second Edition) which go into effect as of July 2011. With these new regulations, “sufficient student growth” and “multiple measures” must be defined. That work will be the responsibility of a state-wide stakeholder group convened by Dr. Lillian Lowery, Delaware’s Secretary of Education.

There are three groups involved with this process. These groups include the Innovation Action Team, the Educational Partners, and the Working Committees who overlap, but have distinctive roles.

The **Innovation Action Team** has been active for over a year and recommends to the Secretary of Education the big picture ideas and direction for change. DSEA’s representation on this team includes the President (Diane Donohue), the Executive Director (Howard Weinberg), and the Director of Instructional Advocacy (Deborah Stevens).

The **Educational Partners** are now being selected from the various stakeholder groups. The role of this group is to filter and form the conceptual models. An email has been sent to the following educators as they had already requested to be part of this work. We are awaiting confirmation from them. They include:

- Diane Donohue – President of DSEA
- Deborah Stevens – Director of Instructional Advocacy for DSEA
- Howard Weinberg – Executive Director of DSEA
- Elementary Teacher – Philip Kaplan, Forest Oak Elementary School, Red Clay
- Middle Level Teacher – Vicki Seifred, Stanton Middle School, Red Clay
- Secondary Teacher – Kathleen Thomas, Caesar Rodney
- Special Education Teacher – Jill Lewandowski, Woodbridge
- Specialist Elementary – Joe Ambrosino, school psychologist, Red Clay
- Specialist Secondary – Kimberly Davis

\*The Educational Partners will begin their work with a two day meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The **Working Committees** will be the largest group and the current plan is to have this group begin work on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This is where I need your assistance. DSEA needs teacher representation from the following areas:

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Science
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- ELA
- Special Education
- Special Schools (example: H. T. Ennis)
- Health/PE
- Art
- Music
- Business
- Agriculture
- Technical
- Counselors
- Librarians
- Nurses
- Speech Therapists

**\*NOTE: We need representation in each area from Elementary, Middle, and High School.**

This is extremely important work. I cannot tell you the time commitment involved because that will be determined as the work begins and progresses. I can tell you that the deadline for the work to be completed is June 30, 2011.

**Could you please share this email with your members and ask them to contact me at [Diane.Donohue@dsea.org](mailto:Diane.Donohue@dsea.org) as soon as possible, if they are interested in doing this work. I know school is dismissing soon for the summer and we need to have groups confirmed shortly.**