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### Best Western Doublewood Inn

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## Soaring to New Heights: Increasing Student Achievement Standards-Based Best Practice

A series of connected seminars with the first session being the most important even though each session can stand alone

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2010

**The How**  
Research-Based, Best Practices

MARCH 2-3, 2010

**The How Do We Know**  
Effective Assessment Practices

MARCH 25-26, 2010

**The What Do We Do If**  
Effective Practices Around Extensions & Interventions,  
as well as Feedback, Grading & Reporting

APRIL 8-9, 2010

**Bringing It All Together**  
Planning & Implementation

Day One: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Day Two: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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## Presenters

**Ava Lanes** is an Educational Consultant. She is a North Dakota native who has worked as a teacher, principal, director and assistant superintendent.



**Peg Portscheller**, a North Dakota native, is the President of Portscheller & Associates, an education consulting firm dedicated to providing training, mentoring, performance coaching and on-site support to education leaders around the country.



She previously served as the Chief Learning Officer for the Leadership and Learning Center, a nationally renowned education consulting and publishing company based in Denver and Boston. In that capacity, Peg oversaw 50 consultants and the work they do with school districts across the country.

## Schedule

### Session One, February 3-4, 2010

**Introduced the framework of standards-based education, including:**

- why schools need to change
- understanding the components of teaching/learning cycle
- going deep on standards and benchmarks (the what)
- **\*Optional hour for districts participating in NDCI survey**

### Session Two, February 17-18, 2010

**Focuses on research-based, best practices (the how), including:**

- effective instructional strategies for the classroom
- strategies for engaging students
- best practices for implementing standards in the classroom
- **\*Optional hour for districts participating in NDCI survey**

### Session Three, March 2-3, 2010

**Focuses on effective assessment practices (the how do we know), including:**

- research-based formative assessment strategies for classroom instruction
- increasing knowledge around summative assessments
- the power of common assessments
- an exploration of how assessment data is used to improve practices
- **\*Optional hour for districts participating in NDCI survey**

### Session Four, March 25-26, 2010

**Focuses on effective practices around extensions and interventions (the what do we do if) as well as feedback, grading and reporting**

- **\*Optional hour for districts participating in NDCI survey**

### Session Five, April 8-9, 2010

**Focuses on "bringing it all together" through:**

- planning for improved results linking back to the earlier assessment of "current reality"
- putting the plan into a roadmap for school improvement
- prioritizing for implementation at home
- **\*Optional hour for districts participating in NDCI survey**

## Survey and Customized Feedback

**\*Optional hour for districts who want to participate in an NDCI survey leading to a customized plan**

More information about participating in the survey and customized feedback will be provided at the first session.

While there is no cost to attend the regular sessions, there is a by building fee for participating in the optional survey with customized feedback.

0-5 buildings	\$2,500
6-10 buildings	\$3,000
11-15 buildings	\$3,500
16-20 buildings	\$4,000
21+ buildings	\$4,500

Fee includes landscape report with feedback per survey item for each building in the district, plus the aggregate for the district, plus protocol instruments to assist with analysis and planning.

*Note:* Any schools or districts who desire on-site technical assistance utilizing the survey results to design a sustainable implementation plan will be able to contract for these services.

Reimbursements for substitute teacher costs, mileage, and lodging are available at state rates.