

The Central Post

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Fall Conference Scheduled for October 11

The Central Region Fall Conference will be held at Villa Milano, in northern Columbus. An excellent program has been designed to provide you with a valuable evening while respecting your time. Villa Milano is famous for their Italian cuisine. We'll be having their house speciality, Pollo Milano (a chicken dish). The meal will give you time to socialize with your own board and/or meet board members from other districts.



Villa Milano is located at 1630 Schrock Road in northern Columbus. It is easily accessible from I-270 or I-71. For more information visit their website: www.villamilano.com



Pat Foor, Superintendent of Delaware Area Career Center with 2007 President-Elect, Ed Bischoff.

The program will feature appearances by Rick Lewis and Linda Omobien to update us on issues affecting schools and board members. This will be followed by a 30-minute session on Leadership presented by Rob DeLane and Kathy LaSota of OSBA's staff. Finally, we'll conclude by recognizing our region's outstanding board members and outstanding high schools. It is our goal to have every board in the region represented, so please be certain some-

one from your board will be in attendance. Registration deadline is October 4. A registration form has been enclosed with this mailing for your convenience.

Will your board be represented?



Walter Armes, OSBA CR President will host our Fall Conference. We'll get updates on issues affecting school boards from Rick Lewis, acting CEO of OSBA and Linda Omobien, OSBA President.

Ed Bischoff Selected

Central Region is very excited to announce that Ed Bischoff of the Delaware-Union ESC and Delaware Area Career Center School Boards was selected by the OSBA nominating committee to be its recommendation for 2008 President of OSBA. Ed will be formally elected the 2007 President-elect at Capital Conference in November. An interesting sidenote: This is the third OSBA president to come from a board where Pat Foor was superintendent: Larry Holdren (2003) when Pat was at Washington County ESC, Mike Grote (2004) and now Ed Bischoff (2008), both during Pat's tenure as superintendent at the Delaware Area Career Center. Her board has nicknamed her "Mother of OSBA Presidents," a title of respect for her ability to grow leaders.

For registration forms, newsletters, and the most current information about Central Region visit: www.osba-ohio.org/regions.htm

Capital Conference Incentive



Central Region is offering a \$300 Tumi leather zippered portfolio to one lucky Central Region member who stops by the Central Region booth at Capital Conference in November. There is no charge to enter, simply stop by and fill out a card and drop it in the box. We'll draw a name at the end of the conference and rush the portfolio to the winner.

While you are at the booth, take a look at photos from our conferences and investigate the many committees that we have. Whether you are interested in legislation or social events, there is an opportunity to interest you. In addition, you'll meet members of our executive committee--some of the best board members anywhere. Make a note now to check us out at Capital Conference!

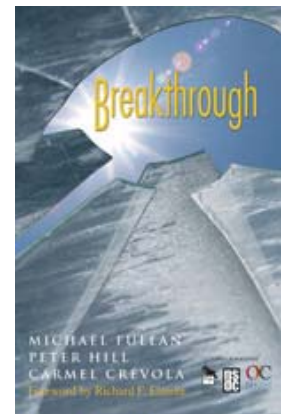
Must Read Recommendation

Board members are busy people, but at the same time, they have huge responsibilities that impact the lives of children for decades. While you can't be experts in every aspect of curriculum, you probably should have some confidence that the materials and program that you are approving are in the right direction. Michael Fullan, Peter Hill and Carmel Crevola have just written a short (less than 100 pages) and well-researched, well-reviewed book on the topic of where we need to go in education. **Breakthrough** describes a reasoned approach that stays away from the extremes of prescriptiveness or permissiveness.

Of particular interest is their analysis of direct instruction and scripted teaching. While these methods show initial success on test scores, Fullan et al fault the techniques for failing to produce

independent learners. When confronted with the "new", these learners don't know what to do. Neither do such programs value the teacher as a learner or students as thinkers and problem solvers. Breakthrough results (90% of students achieving) will not occur with such programs. While it is impossible to give their solution in a paragraph, it is grounded in moral purpose and supported by personalization, precision, and professional learning. Personalization refers to individualized learning and precision means targeting students with exactly/precisely what they need to learn. The authors support the use of data to make learning precise for the student, but at the same time caution that districts can go overboard and drown teachers and students in assessments and data. The final component, professional learning, must be school-based and embedded in daily work. Tra-

ditional workshops simply have not translated into implementation, no matter how effective the strategies being developed were. While professional learning communities are a step in the right direction, the authors offer advice on insuring PLCs are effective. If you are interested in seeing your district graduate learners for the 21st century, this is a must read!



Breakthrough (2006) by Michael Fullan, Peter Hill, and Carmel Crevola is published by Corwin Press



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