

## Why Attend?



*Improving Instruction Through Collegial Dialogues (IITCD) is a way of interacting and conversing to mediate the thinking of others. IITCD involves the use of communication frameworks and tools which help educators organize their thinking around instruction. It focuses on the thought processes of teaching to improve teaching and learning. IITCD moves beyond telling to empowering teachers to engage in reflection and problem solving. It promotes professional learning communities through collaboration, reflection, public practice, and student focus. IITCD is aligned with the Backwards Planning Process which is a powerful practice in increasing teacher efficacy. IITCD changes school culture. Participants will:*

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*NCSI bases its efforts on a series of solid program deliverables, which are matched with the needs and interests of charter schools themselves, including:*

- *Board Policy Services*
- *Administrative Guidelines*
- *Board Governance and Leadership Training Programs*
- *Tailored Consulting Services*
- *Skillman Distinguished Leaders Program*

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Improving Performance*

## Improving Instruction through Collegial Dialogues



## NCSI Skillman Distinguished Leaders Program



*Illuminating Excellence*

**NCSI's mission is to deliver targeted resources that help charter schools:**

- **Foster outstanding student achievement; and**
- **Operate effective and accountable public enterprises**

# Please Join Us

## Date

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

## Location

*Central Michigan University South-  
field Center  
Traveler's Tower  
26555 Evergreen, Suite 119  
Southfield, Michigan*

## Time

*8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.*

## *Registration Fee*

*Detroit: \$125 or \$140 with CEUs  
Non-Detroit: \$175 or \$190 for CEUs*

*You must attend the program in its entirety  
and be stamped in and out in order to earn  
credit.*

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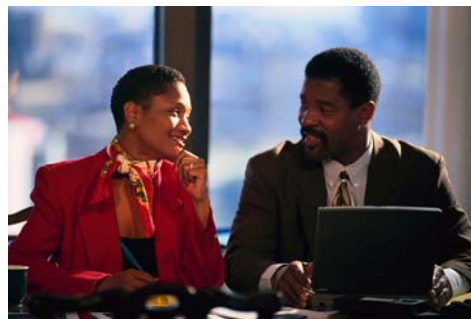
## Presenter

**Carolyn McKanders** has 27 years of experience in Detroit Public Schools as a teacher and Professional Development Specialist. Ms. McKanders has Master's Degrees in Counseling and Education and Social Work. Ms. McKanders is an Adaptive Schools Associate and has worked with administrators and teachers across the state and nation. She is highly skilled in modeling and facilitating. Ms. McKanders is dynamic, knowledgeable and fun.

***This is a seminar you do not want to miss!***

## Agenda

8:00 a.m.	Registration—Refreshments
8:30	Introductions/Overview
9:00	Coaching Instructional Thought
10:15	Break
10:30	Conversation Map: Mediating Teacher Cognition
12:00	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Coaching Practice: Linguistic Tools Conversation Map
3:00	Break
3:15	Mediating Teacher Cognition The Dialogue Framework Reflecting Framework
4:15	Closure and Evaluation
4:30	Adjourn



## **4 Easy Ways to Register:**

1. Web: [www.nationalcharterschools.org](http://www.nationalcharterschools.org)
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