



Skillman Distinguished Leaders Seminar Series

IMPROVING INSTRUCTION THROUGH COLLEGIAL DIALOGUE

DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2005 TIME: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM SB-CEUs: .6

LOCATION: Central Michigan University Southfield Center, Traveler's Tower, 26555 Evergreen, Southfield, Michigan

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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:

- Discover the meanings and assumptions of collegial dialogue to foster instructional thought
Learn the identity of a mediator of thinking
Develop a consciousness of trust and rapport in professional relationships
Learn two frameworks for mediating thinking to support effective instruction
Apply listening and linguistic tools to engage in learner-centered dialogues

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