# A focused classroom visit... Classroom Walkthroughs for School Systems

#### What is Classroom Walkthroughs for School Systems?

A wide-angle systemic approach to gather classroom data that creates meaningful reflection to raise the quality of learning performances for all students.

Presenter: Kathy Larson is recognized nationally and internationally for her inspiring work to build healthy professional communities through methods that simultaneously strengthen the system and the performances of people who work within them. She developed a performance-based training "Classroom Walkthroughs for School Systems" (©2004) and delivers this training to both private and public school leaders throughout the United States, Canada, and most recently, to the Zurich International Schools. Her article, "Developing Reflective Practice through Snapshots of Teaching and Learning" is featured in the National Association of Elementary School Principal publications, Leadership Compass. In the past ten years as Wisconsin's lead consultant for educational reform, her work remains instrumental in the delivery of a statewide model for educators' license renewal. She co-authored *The Mentoring Year* (2002, Corwin Press) and is in the process of writing a book

on a three tiered educational appraisal system building quality improvements for high caliber learning. She can be reached at kathy.vitality@gmail.com.

### Goals of Classroom for School Systems

- Strategic curriculum implementation
- Continuous reflection on teaching and student learning
- Observed alignment of curriculum and instruction
- Frequent witnessing of expectations
- Enhanced quality of classroom visits

## Benefits to Principals...

- Develop effective data gathering strategies
- Analyze curriculum and instruction alignment across grade levels
- Increase school-wide reflection about teaching

## Benefits to Teachers...

- Use reflection to increase knowledge, skills and performance
- Strategically align instruction with curriculum
- Increase student learning across grade levels

#### REGISTRATION AND FEE INFORMATION

Workshop #898

Date: January 18, 2011 (Snow Day Makeup February 3, 2011)

**Time:** 8:30-3:30

**Location:** Mauston High School

Fee: \$100 for CESA 5 PI 34 Consortium Members

**Center Members \$200/person** 

All Others \$275/person

Register by October 19 and receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount!

Registration Deadline: January 4, 2011

Please register for this event using the following website: www.myquickreg.com

Questions? Phone 608/742-8814, Doug Shanks ext. 305 or Amanda Curtis ext. 303 email assessment@cesa5.k12.wi.us

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