Two ASCD Focus Areas Complete Work, Change Emphasis

The ASCD Restructuring Consortium has finished its work, and its final report, *Visions That Guide Change*, on the 18 schools who participated in the Consortium, will be available from ASCD this month. The report is available for $10, stock no. 611-91169.

ASCD will begin focusing on quality indicators of restructuring this winter through a series of three forums to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, Denver, Colorado, and Hartford, Connecticut. Open to the membership, these forums will feature a keynote speaker and extensive small group work. The consensus about quality indicators of restructuring will then be published by ASCD next spring.

In addition to the forums, ASCD is continuing other work in restructuring including: professional development institutes, a new videotape, and development of NCATE specialty area standards for accreditation of teacher education programs. For a copy of ASCD's strategic plan focusing on restructuring, or for more detailed information on our activities, contact Diane G. Berreth, Deputy Executive Director.

Early Childhood Consortium

The final meeting of the ASCD Early Childhood Education Consortium was held in May in Portland, Oregon. A three-year project in which 11 public school districts worked together, the Consortium explored key curricular, instructional, and organizational issues related to developing exemplary early childhood programs. Teams are contributing to a monograph that will highlight each district's expertise. At ASCD's Annual Conference in New Orleans, a panel of consortium members will share strategies for planning developmentally appropriate early childhood programs. Draft copies of the monograph will be available to conference attendees.

Above, members of the Restructuring Consortium representing Olmsted Elementary and Kindergarten Center, Urbana, Illinois. Left to right are Veronica Stalker, associate superintendent; Larry Jablonski, principal; Diane Berreth, ASCD deputy executive director; Esther Burgett, teacher, and Pat Finnerty, school board member.

Each of the 18 schools that participated in the consortium prepared a poster to illustrate its accomplishments.
"Take Note"

ASCD’s new book How to Plan and Implement a Peer Coaching Program is off the presses. This practical guide explains the concept of peer coaching, factors to consider before launching a peer coaching program, elements that contribute to program success, the principal’s role, as well as how to explain the plan and maintain the program.

To order a copy of this for-sale-only book, call order processing at 703-549-9110, stock No. 611-91149, paperback, $6.95.

"For Your Calendar"

Upcoming Annual Conferences
1992, New Orleans, April 4-7
1993, Washington, D.C., March 27-30
(ASCD’s 50th anniversary)
1994, Chicago, March 19-22

Upcoming Mini-conferences
December 5-6, 1991, Combining the Power of Reading with Whole Language, Portland, Oregon

"Take Action"

Join the Network for Staff Development. For more information contact: Rita Cook, Smokey Hill Central Kansas Education Service Center, 3023 Canterbury, Suite 7, Salina, KS 67401; 913-825-9185.

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