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2016 Second Annual Montana Symposium
April 20, 2016, Holiday Inn Great Falls

Celebrating Growth in Teaching, Learning, & Leading

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For educators and school leaders who are:

- Working to implement district-wide systems to support continuous professional growth.
- Educating middle level learners in the middle school.
- Using and considering mentoring strategies for new teachers.

Focus your professional learning on improving effective instructional practice through engaged learning.

Participants will delve into strategies that have been proven to improve instruction aimed at helping all students achieve and succeed. Join your Montana colleagues for a day of inspiring speakers, practical sessions, and stimulating discussions surrounding the concepts connecting effective instruction and mentoring and building school systems that support continuous professional growth.

Meals Lunch and break snacks will be provided as part of your registration.

Lodging Make your own lodging arrangements. A special room rate of \$89.00 per night for a single room is available for participants at the conference hotel, Holiday Inn Great Falls.

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Keynote Speaker: Joanie Peterson is a graduate of the University of California at Davis whose career includes being a classroom teacher, a central office HR administrator, and a member of the board of trustees in the K-12 education system. She has also served as a faculty member and an administrator at the community college and university level. Peterson works with districts in school improvement and specializes in teacher evaluation, recruitment and the hiring process, and mentor and induction programs.

Effective Instructional Practice Ensures Student Success

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7 – 8 a.m.	Registration
8 – 8:30 a.m.	Opening session – Welcome Back to our Roots – Nurturing Professional Growth Effective instructional practice ensures student success.
8:30 – 10 a.m.	Engaging Learners Interactive keynote with <i>Joanie Peterson, Danielson Group Consultant</i> <i>Joint Activity with Educating Middle Learners in the Middle School Conference Participants</i> Engaging students in learning is the heart of Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching. But what does student engagement look like in a classroom? How can we tell if students are really "minds on" task or only "time on" task? Participants will come away from the session with a new focus on what student learning is all about and how to achieve it in our practice.
10 – 10:15 a.m.	Break with beverages and snacks
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	The Role of Teachers in Fostering Professional Growth – Tena Versland, Program Leader of the Educational Leadership program at MSU The Role of Administrators in Fostering Professional Growth – To be announced Role of Mentors in Fostering Professional Growth – Alyson Mike, New Teacher Center and Patty Muir, OPI
Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch and " Most Important Point " Data Wall
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	A District Professional Growth System in Action – representatives from the Browning Public Schools Learn what it looks like and feels like to implement the professional growth system in a Montana district. Conquer Goal Setting – Kathleen Dent, Education Consultant, and Tena Versland, MSU Goals: Does the thought of writing goals give you consternation and keep you up at night? Do you want to improve your goal-setting skills? Then this session is for you. Observing and Conferencing – Alyson Mike, New Teacher Center and Patty Muir, OPI Sharing a Common Language: Linking professional growth and evaluation.
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Table Talk and "Most Important Point" Data Wall – What's the TWEET?
2:45 – 4 p.m.	Facilitated group discussion: Here's What. • So What? • Now What? – Joanie Peterson, Danielson consultant and Linda Peterson, OPI Resources and events: Planning for the future and taking charge of our own professional growth.
4 – 4:30 p.m.	Wrap up and next steps.



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