

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 20: KSDE Pre-Conference
- Nov. 14: Regional Learning Lab
- Feb. 3-4: LF KS Conf

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President's Message

On behalf of Learning Forward Kansas, I welcome you to another academic year of great learning opportunities. **Learning Forward Kansas** strives to share the importance of professional learning. Education is always evolving and providing new opportunities for educators to expand their knowledge in so many areas. In Kansas we are challenged to implement the Student Growth Model into our evaluation system, a new Accreditation System, Kansas Career Ready Standards/CCSS, Next Generation Science Standards, New Social Science standards and many more opportunities. With each of these come CHANGE and the need for effective professional learning that leads to successful student learning. **Learning Forward Kansas** exists and works to support Kansas educators with these changes.

We will be offering:

- Pre-Conference during KSDE on October 20,



THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ASSOCIATION

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Professional Learning that Moves Us from Knowing to DOING

- Regional Learning Labs throughout the year, with the first one slated for Nov. 14th at ESSDACK that will include the Pre-Conference content.
- Learning Forward Kansas conference, "Bridge to Change... Closing the Knowing and Doing Gap" in Wichita on Feb. 3 & 4, 2015
- Join us on Facebook and Twitter
- More opportunities are coming soon! Check our website regularly for more information! www.learningforwardkansas.org

I would like to personally invite all educators to join **Learning Forward Kansas** and become involved in these professional learning opportunities. Membership information can be obtained on our website <http://learningforwardkansas.org/membership.html> I am challenging members to share the opportunities that **Learning Forward Kansas** offers and become involved in our many informational outlets. We are excited about all the opportunities that education has to offer and invite each of you to join us in the task of providing professional learning to all educators.

Learning Forward Kansas,
President

Lana Evans

Director of Curriculum and
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LEARNING FORWARD KANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 2015

Bridge to Change...

CLOSING THE KNOWING & DOING GAP

Share what you know! Submit a proposal and join us for the Learning Forward Kansas annual conference next February in Wichita!

The Learning Forward Annual Conference will be held Feb. 3 and 4th, 2015 and we are looking for proposals related to any of the following areas: **Technology, Social Studies, Educator Evaluation, Assessment, Culture and Climate, Professional Learning, Science, Literacy and Writing Across the Curriculum.** We invite you to share your knowledge with other educators across Kansas. If you have questions, please contact Pam Irwin at Pam.Irwin@usd305.com.

To submit a proposal, go to:

http://learningforwardkansas.org/lc_2015_proposal.html



Introduction

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sonya Schifferdecker and I am the new Communications Coordinator for Learning Forward Kansas. I am currently employed as the BOE Clerk and Secretary to the Superintendent of Mulvane School District-USD 263. I am also the secretary for the Mulvane Professional Learning Council. I graduated from Mulvane High School in 1981 and now I work at

the District Office. I've been with the district for 18 years. I attended Emporia State University and earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1985. I taught in Belle Plaine and then took some time off after having our daughter. I continue to keep my teaching license current and like to try to stay up-to-date with what is happening in education. I think that participating with the Learning Forward organization

will keep me focused on trends in the field.

I can't wait to visit with you and learn how I can help Kansas educators discover professional learning opportunities.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, I'd invite you to share those with me. My email address is: sschifferdecker@usd263.org. Let me hear from you!

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