

February 1-3, 2009 • Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront (formerly Adam's Mark)
315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

Network and learn with other educators from across the state to help Missouri schools engage in sustained, substantive school improvement that **will result in better outcomes for all of our students.**

Participants will come away from the Powerful Learning Conference with **proven methods for transforming their school into a professional learning community.**

Sessions will be research-based, and offer effective practices you can implement upon returning to your school. Sessions will be offered by practitioners on organizational development, change processes, leadership in various roles, and successful practices that have **increased student achievement.**

Lodging Information:

Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront
PLC Room - Rate: \$99 per night

Contact the hotel directly at (314) 655-1234 or make reservations online at: <http://stlouisriverfront.hyatt.com/groupbooking/stlsumkc2009>. Be sure to ask for the Powerful Learning Conference room block to receive the discounted room rate.

Conference Fees

Early Registration
(prior to December 1, 2008) - \$200.00
Registration
(after December 1, 2008) - \$225.00

Register Early

Beginning November 1, 2008, registration information will be available on-line only at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/sii/prolearning/>

Keynote Presenters

Stephen Peters

The Peters Group - Failure Is Not An Option.

Over his 28 years in education, Stephen has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of secondary education. Most of his experiences have been in schools that made significant growth in short periods

of time thus resulting in both National and State Blue-Ribbon distinction.

Stephen is currently CEO & President of The Peters Group, a national education consulting company, and partner with CASENEX, LLC-University of Virginia (on-line professional development company).

The Peters Group has a track record of creating and sustaining success in schools and districts by supporting educators through a 3-step process of teaching and learning. Stephen not only outlines his vision for the children in our schools in his books, he goes on to share how he and his staff turned their vision into operational strategies. His story of how divine inspiration guided him to create the Gentlemen's Club will save the lives of countless children who will then have a profound impact on the world and those around them.

His mentoring and self-empowering program, The Gentlemen's Club, has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show as well as "America, America," which broadcasts to two million viewers in Portugal and Brazil.



Larry Ainsworth

Leadership and Learning Center

Larry Ainsworth is the Executive Director of Professional Development at The Leadership and Learning Center in Englewood, Colorado. He travels widely throughout the United States to assist school systems in implementing best

practices related to standards, assessment, and accountability across all grades and content areas.

He is the author or co-author of eight published books: "Unwrapping" the Standards, Power Standards, Common Formative Assessments, Student Generated Rubrics, and Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math Program, including three 2006 editions, one each for the Primary, Upper Elementary, and Secondary grade spans.

Larry's primary motivation is to assist educators and leaders in helping all students succeed by "taking the mystery" out of the instruction, learning, and assessment process.

