



Summary of the 2012 Annual Conference
Charlottesville, VA
November 15 & 16, 2012

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The Application of Teacher Evaluation to Professional Learning

As autumn entered, the signs of the changing season around Charlottesville represented the changes in the teaching profession. Trees shed leaves to make room for spring growth, and so Virginia school districts shed outdated teacher evaluation systems to implement a new evaluation system that includes student growth data. In November 2012, more than 75 educators and administrators convened at Learning Forward Virginia's 9th annual conference to meet with Ann Delehant and reveal ways that the Learning Forward Standards for Professional Learning can serve as a framework for teacher growth.

On November 15th, instructional leaders spent a half-day preconference session exploring the Learning Forward Standards for Professional Learning. Ann encouraged participants to make connections between the criteria of the new evaluation systems and the framework provided by the Learning Forward Standards: Learning Communities, Leadership, Resources, Data, Learning Designs, Implementation, and Outcomes. These seven standards provide a working framework for *teacher learning* – the outcome of an effective teacher evaluation system.

At the annual conference, educators from around the state joined the instructional leaders for a day of discussion with Ann Delehant. Ann presented professional learning as a spectrum of effectiveness and asked participants to reflect on where their districts currently are with implementing a structured teacher growth system. Participants then spent time collaborating with Ann and other colleagues to identify next steps that will move teacher learning forward. Mrs. Delehant's conference handouts are available on the Learning Forward Virginia website: <http://www.learningforwardvirginia.org>

Learning Forward Virginia thanks all the participants of the 2012 annual conference. The professional learning community that comprises the Learning Forward Virginia organization continues to grow each year.

Resources:

<http://www.anndelehant.com/>

<http://www.learningforward.org/standards>

<http://www.learningforwardvirginia.org/>

Conference Handouts:

<http://www.learningforwardvirginia.org/Opportunities/PastEvents.cfm>