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Georgia Staff  
Development Council

# ***2008 Spring Conference***



**March 12-13, 2008**

**Augusta, Georgia**

**Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites**

It is the purpose of the Georgia Staff Development Council (GSDC) to provide support ensuring that every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so that every student achieves. GSDC supports this purpose through a data informed process. Schools across the state of Georgia are participating in the National Staff Development Council's Standard Assessment Inventory (SAI) to determine school strengths in context, process, and content practice. In Georgia, the SAI results have led GSDC members to learn more about professional learning communities and professional learning evaluation.

The 2008 GSDC Spring conference will be held in Augusta on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be gathering to discuss the everyday issues of our work through professional learning. The Spring Conference will draw on our professional learning experts and colleagues from around the state to discuss some of the issues we face every day. This conference will be conducted in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education, Division of School and Leader Quality.

The Georgia *Keys to Quality: Unlocking Continuous Improvement* will guide our spring conference work as we focus on professional learning evaluation. Here are a few questions we will have answered:

- How do we design powerful professional learning through evaluation processes?
- How do we evaluate teachers in Georgia through the utilization of the "Georgia Keys to Quality"?
- What is the key to math in Georgia?
- What is the key to systemic improvement planning in Georgia?

The spring conference will give you the opportunity to connect and learn. The conference will be filled with sessions designed to provide practical information to take back to the schools and systems for immediate use. You will reflect on new research and its potential to improve professional learning, learn about team building, and explore new strategies for preparing professionals to ensure every student achieves. It will also provide an opportunity to strengthen your knowledge of the best approaches to high-quality professional learning.

The conference break out sessions will be directly related to answering our guiding questions noted above. So mark your calendar now, and join us in Augusta, March 12 and 13, 2008. Conference sessions will be held at the Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites located at Two Tenth Street, Augusta, Georgia.

**It's your organization; your opportunity; your Conference!**