

**Professional Learning Community Workshop Agenda
Thursday, October 15, 2009**

**Valparaiso University
Harre Union Ballroom**

- 8:00 – 8:30** **Registration**
- 8:30 – 10:00** **Opening General Session**
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome
President Mark A. Heckler, Valparaiso University
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker**
James Doane, Valparaiso High School, Principal
- Keynote Address: Greg Bishop, Michigan Secondary Principal Association**
“Building a Culture of Professional Learning Communities”
Alan Blankstein’s Six Essential Principles for Success
1. Common Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals
2. Ensuring Achievement for ALL Students
3. Collaborative Teaming Focused on Teaching and Learning
4. Using Data to Guide Decision Making and Continuous Improvement
5. Gaining Active Engagement from Family and Community
6. Building Sustainable Leadership Capacity
- 10:05 – 11:10** **Morning Breakout Sessions ~ Six Essential Principles**
- 11:10 – 12:05** **Lunch Harre Union, University Ballroom**
Greetings and Invocation
Announcements ~ Sponsor Recognition
Laurie Snell, Professional Educators’ Partnership Facilitator
- 12:05 – 1:25** **Greetings from PEP Chairman**
Michelle Friesen-Carper, Morgan Twp Elementary, Principal
- Featured Speaker: Carolyn Powers, Fort Wayne Community Schools**
“Courageous Leadership for School Success”
- Response: Mark Sperling, Superintendent Merrillville Community Schools**
Vice Chairman, Professional Educators’ Partnership (PEP)
- 1:30 – 2:30** **Afternoon Breakout Sessions ~ Six Essential Principles**
- 2:30** **Distribution of CRUs**