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To: Superintendents, Curriculum Directors, Principals and Teachers

From: Laurie A. Snell, Director of Professional Educators Partnership (PEP)

RE: Valparaiso University’s Professional Educator Partnership presents ~

12th Annual Middle School Conference: Thursday, February 11, 2016

Kim Campbell, Proud Middle School Teacher

Theme: Keeping Kids Motivated; Shake, Rattle & Roll

Are you looking for renewed approaches to tackle the challenges of young adolescents’ learning? Are you looking for ways to differentiate instruction to support your students’ learning styles? Are all the boys in your class actively engaged? Are you searching for classroom management techniques that engage all learners? Do you equip students to reach their full potential through even the most difficult circumstances? Come hear award winning teacher, Kim Campbell’s insight on motivating challenging kids and building community in the classroom.

The impact on the success of your students’ academic performance relies immensely on the engagement in the classroom. Kim Campbell was a featured speaker at the 2015 AMLE Conference and is known for her motivating, practical ideas for young adolescents. Her most recent work, examines the research on the brain development of adolescent boys with strategies to motivate them to achieve success in the classroom. This year’s conference will focus on gaining an understanding of the young adolescent’s mind and how teachers must be able to identify with their students. If you are longing for specific strategies about how to help children become independent, successful learners, this is the workshop you won’t want to miss.

This spring marks our 12th Annual Middle School Conference; Kim Campbell will share how students of generation Z learn to be more self-reliant and more self-motivated. Campbell’s opening keynote presentation, I Will Survive is based on her years of experience in the classroom. Campbell offers surprising breakthrough research on the adolescent brain development to both inform and challenge educators. Kim Campbell is a high energy keynote speaker and a proud middle school educator. Check out http://www.motivatingthemiddle.org for more info.

Enclosed are registration materials relevant to the one-day conference. In response to the current economic challenges all our schools face, and to maintain PEP’s mission to continue to serve the professional development needs of teachers in the region, we will again offer an economical registration rate. In addition, there is a group discount for every four paid registrations; a fifth teacher from the same school may attend for FREE. Please register all four attendees at the same time to receive the discount. We encourage you to share the information with your colleagues and register early since space in limited!

Registration fees include a continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration prior to January 26th is $100; late or walk-in registration will be $125 if space is available. The Harre Union is located at 1509 Chapel Drive; detailed directions and parking information are available on our website at www.valpo.edu. Email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your registration; please print your email address clearly. PGP’s for license renewal are available for attendees.

This workshop targets even the most challenging issues faced in schools working with adolescents. The planning committee supports your work in making all students independent, motivated, resilient, and successful learners.

*We encourage you to register early, space is limited.  Additional information: ValpoWorkshop@valpo.edu