

**Connections Publishing Inc. Announces  
September 2008 Start of Assessment *for Learning* Web Conference  
Workshops for School Communities**

**Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada – March 31, 2008** – Connections Publishing Inc. announced the expansion of their web-based learning opportunities on the topic of Assessment *for Learning*. The success of Connections' introductory web-conferencing sessions for facilitators and leaders has prompted the development of Web-Conference and Webinar options for role specific learning paths of individuals and school communities.

"We are seeing an incredible amount of interest in Assessment *for Learning*, but there are not enough people with the background needed to properly support schools and teachers on this path," said Dr. Anne Davies. "I am hosting these sessions to give educators an opportunity to go deep, giving them tools and strategies to support assessment *for learning* at all levels and in all roles in their schools and districts."

The Web-Conferences are highly interactive workshops using both online facilities and an open phone line for discussions. The Webinars are lecture-style seminars for larger groups with live online chat for audience Q&A. All sessions include readings, preparation, and follow-up to deepen and extend the learning beyond the participatory sessions. In addition to a schedule of sessions, Anne works with schools and districts to deliver customized curriculum tailored to their specific learning goals. Distance learning technology is fast becoming the professional learning tool of choice for educators. "Lack of available time and limited numbers of substitute teachers offer an extra challenge to educators who want to learn. Technology helps us bring educational opportunities to learners in a timely manner. It also provides consistency throughout the school systems" says Davies.

A full overview of the Web-Conference curriculum and related information is available in PDF format from Connections Publishing: <http://www.connect2learning.com>, under Courses.

**ABOUT ANNE DAVIES, Ph.D.**

Dr. Anne Davies is a noted author, consultant, and researcher. With more than 30 years of experience in education, Anne has demonstrated her skills in a variety of roles, including classroom teacher, school district coordinator, department of education planner, school administrator, and university instructor. She earned her doctorate in education from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

Among the many books and resources Anne has authored and co-authored is the best-seller, *Making Classroom Assessment Work*, as well as *Knowing What Counts*, a three-book series that offers practical ways to involve students in their own assessments (both available through Connections Publishing). In addition, she has written chapters and articles for educational journals and publications worldwide.

**ABOUT CONNECTIONS PUBLISHING INC.**

Connections Publishing Inc. is an educational publisher based in Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada. The mission of Connections Publishing is to see all students become lifelong learners, ready to solve problems in their own lives and in the world. Connections Publishing sees its role in this enormous task as one of providing educators with practical and powerful resources to use in their work.

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