



Karen Cross - Introduction

Karen Cross is an educator with more than three decades of experience. Throughout her career, she has been strongly committed to understanding the purpose of what we do and how it makes a difference for our students. Karen began her career as an elementary physical education specialist, spending 28 years honing her craft. This dedication to excellence in teaching led to her becoming a curriculum coordinator for physical and health education, followed by time as a school-based leader, both as vice-principal and principal.

Through her various roles and experiences and her own professional learning, Karen has developed a deep appreciation of what makes teaching effective and of the strong connections between teachers and teaching practices, regardless of discipline. Karen has facilitated professional learning in the areas of curriculum and assessment, at both the system and school levels and for teachers and leaders, alike.

As co-author of *Making Physical Education Instruction and Assessment Work*, Karen relates the big ideas of quality classroom assessment to physical education, bringing the specialty teacher directly into a conversation that has often seemed to touch only on classroom teachers. Let Karen support your physical educators to learn more about assessment!