Teaching with Poverty in Mind: How to Build High-Achieving Schools for ALL Students

Featuring Presenter:
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Sign-In/Registration: 8:00am–8:30am
Workshop: 8:30am–3:00pm

PD Hours: 6
Content Area: Leadership and Administration

Fees: Member $215/Non-Member $285

Much has been written about the impact of poverty on student learning and the difficulties that high poverty schools face in closing the achievement gap. But many schools with a large percentage of low-income students have succeeded in overcoming the challenges of poverty to transform into high achieving schools where all students succeed at high levels. This transformation involves many dynamics, including inspirational principal leadership, teacher knowledge and implementation of best instructional practices, and supportive parent and community collaboration. This hands-on workshop, designed for administrators and teachers, will provide information and strategies to improve achievement for students of poverty and all students.

Topics will include:

- An understanding of the ramifications of poverty on student learning
- Leadership strategies for transforming schools to better educate students of poverty
- Effective teaching and classroom strategies that impact student achievement
- Inspiring ideas for rallying students, staff, and community to build a high-performing school

Dr. Nancy Spitulnik has worked in education in Massachusetts for 40+ years as a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Curriculum Director, Principal, Special Education Administrator, and Teacher. She teaches leadership and curriculum courses in the doctoral program at the University of Phoenix, and has worked with the DESE doing audits of university teacher preparation programs. Dr. Spitulnik has extensive experience working collaboratively with teachers to improve instructional practices and student engagement.

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