**Subject: Message #109: Arkansas LDC/MDC Conference**
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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Educators:

The Professional Development unit of the Arkansas Department of Education will be hosting the Arkansas LDC/MDC Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock on July 26-27, 2016. This conference is free and open to any educators who wish to attend.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Dylan William. Dr. William is a charismatic speaker who will discuss how formative assessment strategies empower students, significantly increase engagement, and shift classroom responsibility from teachers to their students so that students become collaborators in their own learning. Dr. William is co-author of the book Embedded Formative Assessment and Leadership for Teacher Learning.

The conference will also feature guest speaker Eleanor Dougherty, author of Assignments Matter: Making the Connections that Help Students Meet Standards. Ms. Dougherty has focused on literacy and its role in the larger curriculum, particularly in the core subjects. She was one of the founding voices for LDC and will be discussing curriculum development and how the Teaching Task can be used as a common assignment. In addition to these two speakers, the conference will also include many break-out sessions that will be facilitated by teachers, administrators, and Educational Service Cooperative specialists, discussing how they are utilizing LDC and MDC in their own schools and classrooms.

Participants can register for the conference at http://www.conftrac.com/ade2/attendee. Space is limited, so interested individuals are encouraged to register early.

Conference attendees are responsible for their own transportation, meals, and lodging. However, special conference rates are available at the following hotels, using the links provided:
Doubletree by Hilton (Little Rock): http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/L/LITMBDT-LDC-20160725/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
Wyndham Riverfront (North Little Rock): http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2016/LITNO_LDCMDCCONFERENCE/main.wnt
For more information, please contact Marshal Hurst at marshal.hurst@arkansas.gov or (479) 965-3786.

*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*

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