

Saluting Jon Mundorf and Fran McCarthy

Dr. Jon Mundorf, a member of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, headlined the opening day of this week's "Opening Doors, Closing the Gap" summer institute sponsored by NEWESD 101.

Nearly 70 regional educators took part in the two-day workshop examining ways of closing the achievement gap through the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), data-informed decision making and collaboration between educators.

Mundorf, who is also a national board certified teacher at the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School at the University of Florida, is one of the nation's foremost authorities on UDL, a blueprint for creating instructional goals, methods and assessments that can be customized for individual needs.

Alas, one aspect of the workshop was bittersweet, as it was the last for Fran McCarthy as NEWESD 101's director for Special Education Services. Fran has accepted a position with the Anacortes School District, an opportunity that returns her to Western Washington, where she spent the majority of her career.

NEWESD 101 extends its thanks for Dr. Mundorf for an outstanding presentation and to Fran McCarthy for her years of exemplary service at NEWESD 101.



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