

PRESS RELEASE

Educators Challenge Themselves
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Administrators and teacher leaders from Martinsville City Schools, Henry County Schools and Carlisle School joined together on Saturday, November 6, 2004, to continue their study of instructional leadership as it relates to student achievement. They interacted with Dr. Steve Fink, Director of the Center for Educational Leadership, at the University of Washington. Their discussions centered around the characteristics of high performing school districts. Dr. Fink described national and state data regarding gaps in achievement based on socio-economic, racial and gender factors. He then outlined proven practices being used in high performing schools which have proven effective in overcoming these gaps in achievement. Participants were given time to discuss the relevance of this information to schools in Martinsville and Henry County.

This session was a part of an ongoing program entitled "Leadership for Success", supported by The Harvest Foundation. The program is designed to provide educational leaders with up-to-date research and information designed to complement the school improvement process throughout Martinsville and Henry County.

It is hoped that these intense, professional discussions will assist area schools as they seek to leave no child left behind.

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