

Minnesota Middle School Association presents
**Middle Level Promise and Practice
Summer Institute 2010**



Thursday, June 17, 2010

Moorhead, Minnesota

Horizon Middle School · 3601 12th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN · 218-284-7300

or

Friday, June 18, 2010

Lakeville, Minnesota

Lakeville South High School · 21135 Jacquard Avenue, Lakeville, MN · 952-232-3300

Registration and coffee 8:30

Conference (Includes lunch) 9:00 – 2:30

Featuring ~

Nancy Doda

- > Active and Engaging Learning: Methods that Work
- > Creating a Caring Learning Community
- > Literacy for Better Learning

and

Debbie Silver

- > Basic Training in Differentiated Instruction
- > Teaching and Assessing Through Multiple Intelligences
- > Managing the DI Classroom



Debbie Silver

Debbie Silver is truly a “teacher’s teacher!” She is an award-winning educator with 30 years experience as a classroom teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor. Her numerous recognitions include being named the **1990 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year** and the **2007 Distinguished Alumnus** from the College of Education at **Louisiana Tech University**. Along the way she has taught almost every grade level and most every kind of student.

Dr. Silver has been an invited author for several educational journals and has given keynotes at state, national, and international conferences in 49 states, throughout Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She has been a featured teacher for the *PBS OnLine Teacher Chat* and several online teacher courses. Debbie is the author of the bestselling book, *Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers: Finding the Rhythm for Differentiated Learning*. She is co-author of *Because You Teach* and *Middle School Matters*. Songs she co-wrote with Monte Selby are featured on his latest CDs. She is married to Dr. Lawrence Silver, and together they have 5 sons.

Debbie is one of the most popular keynoters and in-service presenters in the United States. Audiences everywhere respond to Debbie's use of humor and sensitivity to remind them of how important teachers are in the lives of children. Through research-based theory, poignant stories, and hilarious characterizations she connects with the souls of all who are involved in education.



Nancy Doda

Dr. Nancy Doda began her career in 1974 as a middle school Language Arts teacher in a Florida middle school acknowledged as an exemplary, model middle school. Nancy witnessed remarkable results through the use of Teams, an Advisory program, multiage classrooms, interdisciplinary teaching, a block schedule, and a student-centered philosophy. Her commitment to middle school took hold. While teaching there she completed her Masters and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction /Teacher Education at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and began conducting workshops for educators on middle school theory and practice. During those seminal years, she authored a regular column for the *Middle School Journal*, entitled, “Teacher to Teacher”, which became an NMSA monograph. Since then, she has worked as a professional development consultant with middle school educators in all 50 states, Canada, Europe and the Far East.

Her service to middle school education has also included 5 years as a member of the NMSA Board. In recent years, she served as a charter member of the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform (www.mgforum.org). She has received outstanding educator and service awards from the Virginia Middle School Association, New England League of Middle Level Schools, and Connecticut Association of Secondary Schools. In 2001, she was awarded the National Middle School Association’s most prestigious John Lounsbury award. She has authored numerous articles, tapes, and books. Her most recent publication is entitled [Transforming ourselves: Transforming schools](#) (NMSA, 2002)

Today, in addition to continuing steady consulting through her own company *Teacher to Teacher*. Ultimately, she is best known for her devotion to improving the life and educational experiences of young adolescents, middle school reform and the creation of exemplary and equitable middle schools and classrooms. Her presentations address professional development topics from an array of critical middle school issues but Nancy also specializes in customized professional development.

Recommended Recent Book: Doda, N. and Thompson, S. (2002). *Transforming ourselves: Transforming schools*. Columbus, OH: NMSA.

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One form per registrant. Form may be duplicated.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Job Title: *(choose one)*

Principal Asst. Principal Central Office Teacher Guidance Technology Library Staff
 Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent University Professor University Administrator Curriculum State Dept. of Ed
 Other _____

Grade/Subject *(if applicable)* _____

School/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country *(if not in us)* _____

Phone *(work)* _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Email *(required)* _____

Check here if you have a disability or special need requiring provisions, meals, or services. Need: _____

Workshop Fees

Location attending(Check one) Moorhead, MN June 17, 2010 Lakeville, MN June 18, 2010

Individual Registration Lunch and conference materials included.

by June 4, 2010.....\$145.00 after June 4, 2010 on-site registration only (if space is available).....\$165.00

Register 5 and pay for 4 *Not available on-site.*

by June 4, 2010.....\$580.00

All registrations must be received together with payment. Team cancellations are non-refundable. We suggest a substitution.

Registration deadline – June 4, 2010.

\$25 (U.S. Funds) processing fee for all cancellations. No refunds after June 4, 2010.

Payment

(Must accompany form to be registered.)

Total amount paid _____

Check Payable to MMSA in U.S. funds. \$20 (U.S. funds) fee for returned checks.

CK# _____

Official Purchase Order attached. *(A valid hard copy purchase order must accompany form to be processed.)*

PO# _____

Signature _____

Please return completed form to:

Margaret Porter, Minnesota Middle School Association, 19455 Kenwood Trail West, Lakeville, MN 55044