

Network Notes

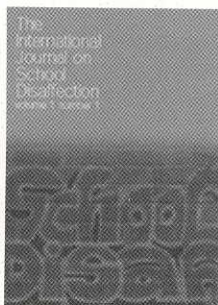
Meet the Guest Editor

■ Sam Drew's career in education spans 34 years. His professional experiences include teacher, dropout prevention director, school principal, special assistant in the U.S.D.O.E., Deputy Director of Education in the S.C. Governor's Office, superintendent of a state supported residential school serving at-risk youth, and superintendent of a county school system in South Carolina. Dr. Drew served as State Director of Adult Education in South Carolina before joining the Adult Literacy Media Alliance in New York as Director of State Partnership Development. He serves on many local, state, and national boards, committees, and workgroups and is currently the Associate Director of the National Dropout Prevention Center.



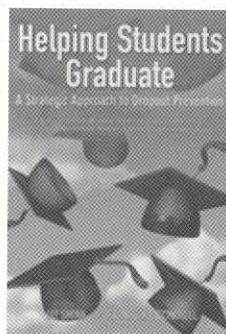
International News

■ As the *International Journal on School Disaffection* enters its second year of publication, a new partner has become a part of this exciting venture of the Network. Joining the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network and Trentham Books Limited of England as sponsors will be PLATO Learning, Inc. With the support of PLATO, the *Journal* will be able to play a more prominent role in education worldwide. PLATO Senior Vice President, John C. Super, states "We are excited about this partnership and look forward to the important work we will do together." The latest issue is included in this mailing.



Helping Students Graduate

■ Eye on Education has recently published a new book by Dr. Jay Smink, Executive Director of the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network and Network member, Franklin P. Schargel, *Helping Students Graduate: A Strategic Approach to Dropout Prevention*. The 15 Effective Strategies identified by the NDPC/N's research are described, with a chapter on each of the strategies, written by nationally recognized authorities in the field. Those who want to make a difference in dropout prevention will surely find some answers in this volume.



Mark Your Calendar!

■ Orlando will be *the* place to be this fall! If your goal is to help all young people succeed in school and you are seeking solutions for your goal, be sure to place these dates on your calendar today.

From October 31-November 3, 2004, there will be the 16th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference, "A Student With a Dream Is a Student With a Future." Overlapping this conference will be the First Annual National Special Education Forum, "Creating Model Dropout Prevention Programs: Begin With Effective Instructional Strategies," which will be held November 3-4, 2004 and sponsored by our own NDPC-SD.

Both events will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. If you register online, www.dropoutprevention.org, you may use a credit card for payment.

Staying Tuned to the NDPC-SD

■ NDPC-SD has completed our Web site design and will launch it later in the summer. On the Web site, you will be able to get up-to-date information about model dropout prevention programs effective for students with disabilities, state by state dropout statistics, research to practice strategies, technical assistance documents, and upcoming professional development activities. We have planned two major professional development events this fall.

- ◆ Teleconference Series Kickoff—September 2004. Dr. Brian Cobb from the What Works Synthesis Center at Colorado State University will share findings from a critical review of the research on dropout prevention programs including students with disabilities.
- ◆ November 3-4, 2004. First Annual Special Education Forum held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL. Attend and experience over 25 invited presentations by experts in the areas of effective instructional strategies, behavior support and classroom management, effective transition planning, and effective dropout prevention programs for students with disabilities. This Forum is specifically designed to increase knowledge and enhance skills in effective dropout prevention programs for students with disabilities.



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