

# MAINE SUPPORT NETWORK

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## **What Matters Most in Schools: An Evening With Author Nelson Beaudoin**

March 16, 2010 (Registration Deadline: March 9, 2010)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Registration time: 3:30 p.m.)

Helen Thompson Elementary School

Join us for an uplifting evening of storytelling, activities and discussion about what matters most in schools. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with why you became an educator and celebrate your own journey. Nelson, a long time Maine educator, has authored three books related to education. His first book, *Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone*, is a collection of stories about risk-taking around the topics of leadership, the change process, maintaining a student focus and making a difference. The second book is focused on creating student participation, citizenship and leadership and is entitled *Elevating Student Voice*. His third book, *A School for EACH Student*, addresses the seriously important need for personalization in today's schools. Participants will hear firsthand about how these books were created and, more importantly, the inspiration behind them. Participants will leave motivated to examine their work through the framework that Nelson's experiences provides.

### **Outcomes:**

- ♥ Examine the essentials of quality educational programming.
- ♥ Investigate peak learning experiences.
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- ♥ Explore the feasibility of a philosophy based on "caring more than judging, understanding more than guessing, and listening more than talking."
- ♥ Discover multiple ways that your work can become more student-centered.
- ♥ Examine your work through a filter that involves seeing students as capable and born to learn.
- ♥ Enjoy hands-on learning, sharing and fun.
- ♥ Celebrate your accomplishments and the stories that you have created.

**Presenter:** Nelson Beaudoin is a recently retired high school principal. He spent 35 of his 37 years in education in Maine schools. He was named Maine's High School Principal of the Year in 2001. He is currently working part time as an educational consultant and keynote speaker. Nelson has authored three books, and numerous articles, on educational leadership. Well-versed in many school reform initiatives, he has been presenting at conferences and workshops throughout the country for the past decade on topics such as personalization, student voice, school reform, inspirational leadership and school change.

**Workshop fee of \$65 .00** includes hearty snacks and handouts. You will receive a \$5.00 discount for registering online using C-vent. Our cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to the event. You will be expected to pay if you do not attend and cannot provide printed confirmation of your cancellation. If you are a full-time student enrolled in an education degree program, contact us about additional discounts.

**Three Clock Hours** will be awarded. **Co-sponsors:** Maine Support Network and the Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. **On-site facilitator:** Corda Kinzie, Central/Coastal Regional Facilitator.

**This workshop is designed for** all educators.

**Directions:** Helen Thompson Elementary School, 309 Spears Corner Rd., West Gardiner, ME.

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**Please fill in the form below completely.**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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