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Meet One of Our National Senior Assessors!

One of the ways we do what we do at Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence (BRSE) is by connecting schools with some of the most experienced and distinguished educators around. Meet one of our assessors, Jayne Ellspermann, who is sharing her expertise to help BRSE schools achieve excellence.

Jayne Ellspermann is a nationally recognized and award-winning school leader who is dedicated to ensuring school leaders are empowered and supported to ensure their school's success. Her expertise in transforming low performing schools into high performing schools puts her in demand to work with school districts where she has been able to work with individual schools, feeder patterns, charter schools, and whole districts to create positive learning environments where students succeed, and teachers are empowered with the skills they need to make their schools a great place to work and learn.

During her career in education she served in a variety of positions including teacher, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal, principal, and district administrator. For 25 years she served as a school principal at the elementary, middle, and high school level and has been recognized as Florida's Arts Administrator of the Year, Florida's Literacy Leader of the Year, and Florida's Principal of the Year. In 2015 she was recognized as the National Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Jayne has had tremendous success in taking low and underperforming schools and creating schools of excellence. In her last school assignment her school, with a high poverty diverse student population, decreased course failure from 38% to 3% and increased the graduation rate to 97%. She believes her most important responsibility is to support school leaders create a school culture where everyone can grow and student achievement soars. Her personal mission is to create opportunities for individuals to exceed their perceived potential.

Join us for a Magical Experience!

Discover innovative, creative strategies that yield results from award winning schools. This conference is designed with your specific needs in mind and provides best practices you can use immediately for all schools. **WHO should attend?** Anyone interested in learning and sharing best practices for improving schools! Educators from around the world will embark on this empowering event. This conference is for ALL schools, including low performing schools looking for turn around programs and strategies. With more than 60 sessions to choose from, you will have a chance to discover new ideas from other educators to take back to your school.

Check out these sessions at this year's BRSE Conference:

Seven Steps to Leading Change: *"The Way to Get Started is to Quit Talking and Begin Doing"* - Walt Disney. Understand and prototype the core elements of a successful school-wide implementation plan around personalized learning.

Understand three personalized learning (PL) implementation models (PBL, BL, and pathways created with student-voice), including what has worked well and hasn't.

Workshop their own PL implementations and come away with strong next steps for pushing their own implementations forward including how to authentically engage students.

Presented by: Primrose Hill Elementary School, Rhode Island.

Budget-friendly Transformations to Improve Your School Culture & Climate: Regardless of a school's location or budget, classroom and common area transformations are a way to create a culture and climate in which students feel connected and supported as learners. Participants will learn high-impact, budget-friendly ways to transform classrooms, hallways, and common areas to excite and engage their students, regardless of age or subject matter. We will share photos, videos, and how-to tips and tricks from our rural middle school's transformation into a magical version of Hogwarts that attracted the attention of JK Rowling herself.

Presented by: Parkside K-8 School, Alabama

Developing Teacher Leaders. Numerous studies point to a highly effective teacher as the most important factor in students' academic success. This presentation will highlight Paramount Brookside's approach to attracting, training, and retaining effective teachers who positively impact student achievement. We will be discussing the process Paramount follows at each of these stages in teacher development. The process outlined in this presentation involves three subcategories—recruitment, training, and retention. Success in each element is gauged using a different measure

Presented by: Paramount Brookside, Indiana

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