

The Neshaminy School District is working with two leading experts in the field of education; Dr. Bena Kallick and Dr. George White to help the district's 5-8 Study Group (comprised of teachers, parents, administrators and professionals) develop a comprehensive educational program for middle schools that best meets the whole needs of the students.

Bena Kallick, Ph. D is a private consultant providing services to school districts, state departments of education, professional organizations, and public agencies throughout the United States and abroad. Dr. Kallick is well known nationally, as well as, internationally for her work in curriculum, instruction and assessment with an emphasis on organizational change. She has co-authored several scholarly works for the Association of Supervisors of Curriculum Development-ASCD) on *Assessment in the Learning Organization* (ASCD, 1998), the *Habits of Mind series* (ASCD, 2000), *Strategies for Self-Directed Learning* (Corwin Press, 2004), *Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind* (ASCD, 2008), *Habits of Mind Across the Curriculum* (ASCD, 2009) and *Using Curriculum Mapping and Assessment to Improve Student Learning* (Corwin Press, 2009). Her works have also been translated into Dutch, Chinese, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic, and Spanish.

Her work on cultivating and instilling, "Habits of Mind" which are the attitudes and dispositions adolescents need, not to "successfully prepare for a test, but how to prepare for the tests of life." The Habits of Mind work has particular relevance for adolescents at the middle grade level which is a tumultuous time where academic, social-emotional, and physical developmental growth intersect and collide. This work focuses on understanding these young students frame of references so that a culture of learning and good character (citizen) traits can be built to best meet their needs holistically. It is being implemented in over 300 schools.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/12/education/12middle.html?pagewanted=all>

Dr. Kallick has also served as the Director of the Teacher Center for over a decade at Fairfield University, created an alternative high school and a children's museum that served as a lab for teacher development on new ways of teaching and learning.

George White, Ed. D has over a decade of experience in public education, most notably at the middle grade level where he has served in a variety of roles—teacher, teacher team leader, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent. He currently serves as a professor in Education Leadership, Director of the Lehigh Valley University Middle Level Partnership and leads the Center for Developing Urban Educational Leadership.

Dr. White has authored several publications and conducted numerous presentations on middle level students, middle grade education and successful restructuring of middle school programming.

The cost per consultant is \$2500.00 for Dr. White and \$2800.00 for Dr. Kallick and includes on-site visitations, facilitating 5-8 Study Group meetings/workshops, featured presentations, phone/skype consultations, and research and resource material.

It should be noted that both consultants significantly reduced their standard fees for Neshaminy.

