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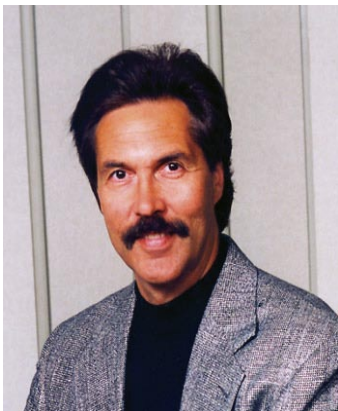
Dear EARCOS Colleagues,

Taipei American School is pleased to host the upcoming EARCOS sponsored workshop:

## **“Using Data and Strategies to Ignite and Invite Student Motivation and High Achievement”**

With Dr. Bobb Darnell

*Friday-Saturday, September 18-19, 2009*



**Dr. Bobb Darnell** is President of Achievement Strategies, Inc. and is an advocate for high student achievement and daily professional growth. He served as Director of Staff Support for more than 1700 staff members in a Northwest Illinois school district and taught for more than 20 years. Bobb has served on the Board of Trustees for the National and Illinois Staff Development Councils and has been a member of numerous national and state task forces and committees. He is the author of ASCD's 2002 action tool kit--A Guide for Instructional Leaders and has also written four staff development guides for Wavelength's award winning educational comedy videos.

Dr. Darnell is an internationally known speaker who has delivered keynote presentations and conducted workshops for educators at all grade levels and for corporations. Bobb's high-energy workshops are filled with "edutainment" and practical ideas that have resulted from blending research and tested practice. Teachers and administrators can easily sense his enthusiasm for continuous improvement, job satisfaction, lifelong learning, and organizational excellence. He is truly committed to helping teachers build high performance classrooms and building strong parental support for schools and learning.

### **Workshop Description:**

Discover how to make dramatic improvements in student motivation, engagement, and achievement in just months. Explore new tools and strategies that engage individual teachers and professional learning teams to mine data, make meaning of classroom and standardized test data, and use data for decision making and continuous improvement. Experience what it is like

to efficiently determine the data that matters, identify the greatest areas of need, establish achievable short and long-term goals, and expedite school improvement planning.

Take part in simulation activities that will illustrate research-based, best practices and learn how to develop and implement professional development initiatives that help staff acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to unleash the power of struggling, unmotivated, and average learners to increase achievement. Leave this session knowing ways to build your staff's capacity to take decisive action, monitor and celebrate incremental progress, and to sustain hope and optimism even when significant progress is not yet present. Participants will leave with additional ways know how to make school improvement personal for teachers, leaders, and students.

Participants will . . .

1. be familiar with strategies and tools for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data from classroom work, standardized tests, and from organizational scanning.
2. know how to work in professional learning teams to collaboratively create short and long-term goals based upon student learning needs.
3. be familiar with research-based, best practices and factors related to high-achieving schools.
4. know how to create, implement, and evaluate an intervention pyramid that addresses the needs of struggling learners and students with special needs.
5. know how to monitor the implementation of school improvement plans and to measure the impact of professional development on teacher effectiveness and student learning.
6. know how to develop the teacher and administrator leadership credibility and capacity needed to initiate and support school improvement initiatives.

### **Items to bring for the workshop:**

- Standardized or criterion-referenced data from schools
- Copies of school improvement plans or initiatives

### **Target Audience:**

Teachers, Teacher Leaders, Supervisors, Directors and Administrators

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**Fees:** US\$30 or NT\$1,000 for *EARCOS* members

US\$130 for non-*EARCOS* members

- *Please bring US\$ check or NT\$ cash as payment to the workshop*
- *US\$ checks should be made payable to: **Taipei American School***
- *Includes continental breakfast, snacks, lunch and some materials*
- *Recommending reading will be communicated to participants who can then purchase as they deem appropriate.*

**Registration:**

- *first-come, first-served, due by September 15, 2009*
- *please email the following information to Michael Fox at **foxm@tas.edu.tw** if you wish to register participant(s):*
  - School
  - Participant Names
  - Positions
  - Email Addresses
  - Phone/Fax Numbers

**Currency:** *USD\$1 = approx. New Taiwan Dollar NT\$33*

**Graduate Credit:** *As with all EARCOS-sponsored Weekend Workshops, one graduate credit is available through SUNY for an additional US\$85. Please request further details from [foxm@tas.edu.tw](mailto:foxm@tas.edu.tw)*

**Accommodations:** *book directly through the following hotels once you have received email confirmation of your workshop registration*

- **Feeling Hotel** (2 minute walk from T.A.S) – *a local, business class hotel*
  - Special rates for T.A.S. (request this when you make your reservation):
    - NT\$1,760 – NT\$1,840 – NT\$2,160
  - Bookings by:
    - Phone: 886-2-2873-5511
    - Fax: 886-2-2873-0819
    - Email: [feeling5@ms42.hinet.net](mailto:feeling5@ms42.hinet.net)
    - Website: <http://www.feelinghotel.com.tw>
- **Grand Hotel** (15 minute taxi T.A.S) – *the hotel in Taipei with the largest Chinese style roof in the world!*
  - Special rates for T.A.S. (Single rooms):
    - Budget: NT\$3,990
    - Superior: NT\$5,740
    - Deluxe: NT\$6,440
  - Bookings by:
    - Phone: 886-2-2886-8888
    - Fax: 886-2-2885-2885
    - Website: <http://www.grand-hotel.org/newsite/html/e/ca01.htm>
- **Noble Motel** (5 minute taxi T.A.S)
  - Special rates for T.A.S. (Single rooms):
    - NT\$1,850-2,350
    - Website Address: [http://www.noble-hotel.com.tw/about\\_noble\\_en.htm](http://www.noble-hotel.com.tw/about_noble_en.htm)
    - (No bookings online...must phone or fax)

- Bookings by:
  - Phone: 886-2-2832-3388
  - Fax: 886-2-2838-2667
- **Reedon Boutique Hotel (10 minute taxi T.A.S)**
  - Special rates for T.A.S. (Single rooms):
    - NT\$2,080 – 2,880
    - Website Address: [http://www.reedon-hotel.com/about\\_en.php](http://www.reedon-hotel.com/about_en.php)
  - Bookings by:
    - Phone: 886-2-2836-8833
    - Fax: 886-2-2836-8706

**Ground Transportation:** from Taoyuan International Airport

- **Direct Taxis:** available for approximately NT\$1,200 from the taxi counter; the trip from the airport to the school is long, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- **Bus/Taxi Option (cheaper but longer [1-2 hours]):**
  - Take a bus from the bus counter for NT\$110 to the Taipei Main Railway Station
  - Taxi from the Taipei Main Railway Station to TAS for approximately NT\$200-250
- *You can find more information about taxis and busses from Taoyuan Airport at:* [http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw/english/transportation/airportmap\\_e.jsp](http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw/english/transportation/airportmap_e.jsp)