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**NDEA 2011 Instructional Conference
Features Jo Anderson, Jr.**

The main speaker for the 2011 NDEA Instructional Conference at the Century High School Theatre at 9:00 a.m. Oct. 20, 2011 is Jo Anderson, Jr.

Anderson is a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, and works on a variety of issues including teacher outreach and relations. He recently came to the Department having served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Education Association-NEA (IEA-NEA) since 2005. Prior to this, he held a variety of other positions with IEA-NEA, working particularly on efforts of the union to involve its leaders and members in improving student learning and the public school system in Illinois.

In 1987, he helped found the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC), a network of 75 school districts throughout Illinois working on school transformation through collaborative partnerships. He served as Executive Director of CEC for 18 years. He has a background in community organizing and was affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation. He was a university instructor in philosophy and political science.

Before Anderson's presentation, North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple will address the General Session.

Joel Heitkamp of KFGO in Fargo will be broadcasting his show from the Conference.

Bismarck's Century High School is the site for the main speaker, sectionals and exhibits. The Radisson will be the headquarters hotel.

Bullying, Wendy Troop-Gordon, NDSU. With the recent rise of media attention to the problem of bullying, schools are increasingly being called upon to identify and effectively stop bullying behaviors among children and adolescents.

Troop-Gordon is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at North Dakota State University and an adjunct professor in the Human Development and Family Studies department. She began studying children's social skills and aggressive behavior as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

She continued examining bullying and children's social development as a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After completing her doctorate in Educational Psychology, she joined the faculty at North Dakota State University. In her research, Dr. Troop-Gordon studies both the causes and consequences of children's involvement in bullying and other aggressive behavior.

Her most recent research focuses on the mental health and academic development of bullies who are popular with their peers and the children who are the targets of bullying. Her research has been published in a number of journals including *Child Development*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Development and Psychopathology*, *Social Development*, *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, and the *Journal of Early Adolescence*. She currently collaborates on a number of federally funded projects and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Educational Psychology* and *Developmental Psychology*.

When not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, five-year-old son, and two-year-old daughter.

The **Foreign Language Association of North Dakota (FLAND)** is bringing in Amy Dunaway-Haney. Dunaway-Haney has a degree in Spanish Education from Bowling Green State University and Master's degrees in School and Clinical Counseling from the University of Dayton. She has taught High School Spanish since 1992, while also working as a family and substance abuse counselor. Amy is also a National Board Certified Teacher in World Languages (Spanish).

Dunaway-Haney has been recognized numerous times for her innovative teaching with both national and local awards. These awards include the MDA National Personal Achievement Award, the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award, the Jiffy Lube Teaching Excellence Award, and the Freida J. Riley National Teaching Award.

Most recently, Amy has been honored as a 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year Honoree and a 2010 Great American Teacher Award Honoree (created by the Ron Clark Academy).

The **Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sport Sectional** will feature James Taylor. He is Executive

lifestyles through imagination, education, and movement. As a founding partner Taylor successfully expanded the business from supporting a handful of schools, to a nationwide reach of elementary schools across 38 states.

Prior to assuming this role in 2008 Taylor served as President and CEO of Jet Sports. For 13 years he was widely recognized as a children's health advocate, advancing the needs of students of all skills and sizes who would otherwise never experience the joys of organized sports.

Armed with a business education from Michigan State, in 1988 Taylor assumed ownership in a struggling health club that he quickly restructured. Over the next seven years Taylor designed, built and staffed a chain of private and corporate health facilities before retiring from the field in 1995.

His extensive work in fitness and youth sports has earned recognition and certifications from the International Sports Sciences Association, International Fitness Professionals Association, National Alliance for Youth Sports, National Youth Sports Coaches Association, and FAHPERDS (Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sport). Additionally Taylor has received personal recognition from the United States Navy for his work with military children, and was part of Florida's American Red Cross Wildfire Disaster Relief Operation.

Today Taylor is a consultant to a private sport conglomerate and sits on multiple community boards. He is a constant supporter of physical education teachers across the nation. His advocacy has allowed him to personally address and work with thousands of educators, hundreds of school superintendents & principals, Florida's State Surgeon General as well as Department of Education and Department of Health agencies across the nation. Politically Taylor has provided guidance to the Governor's office, State & National Physical Education Associations, Presidential Candidates, Senators and members of Congress.

Taylor raised his son Dakota as a single parent; from the age of six months to the 19-year-old college sophomore he is today. When Taylor is not working, you will find him playing racquetball with his son or hiking with his new Fiancée, Penny.

Start making your plans now to attend your 2011 Instructional Conference. Watch for more information about the Instructional Conference in the *North Dakota Education News* and there is an updated program and Trivia Contest flyer below.

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