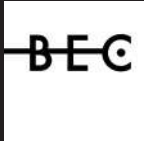


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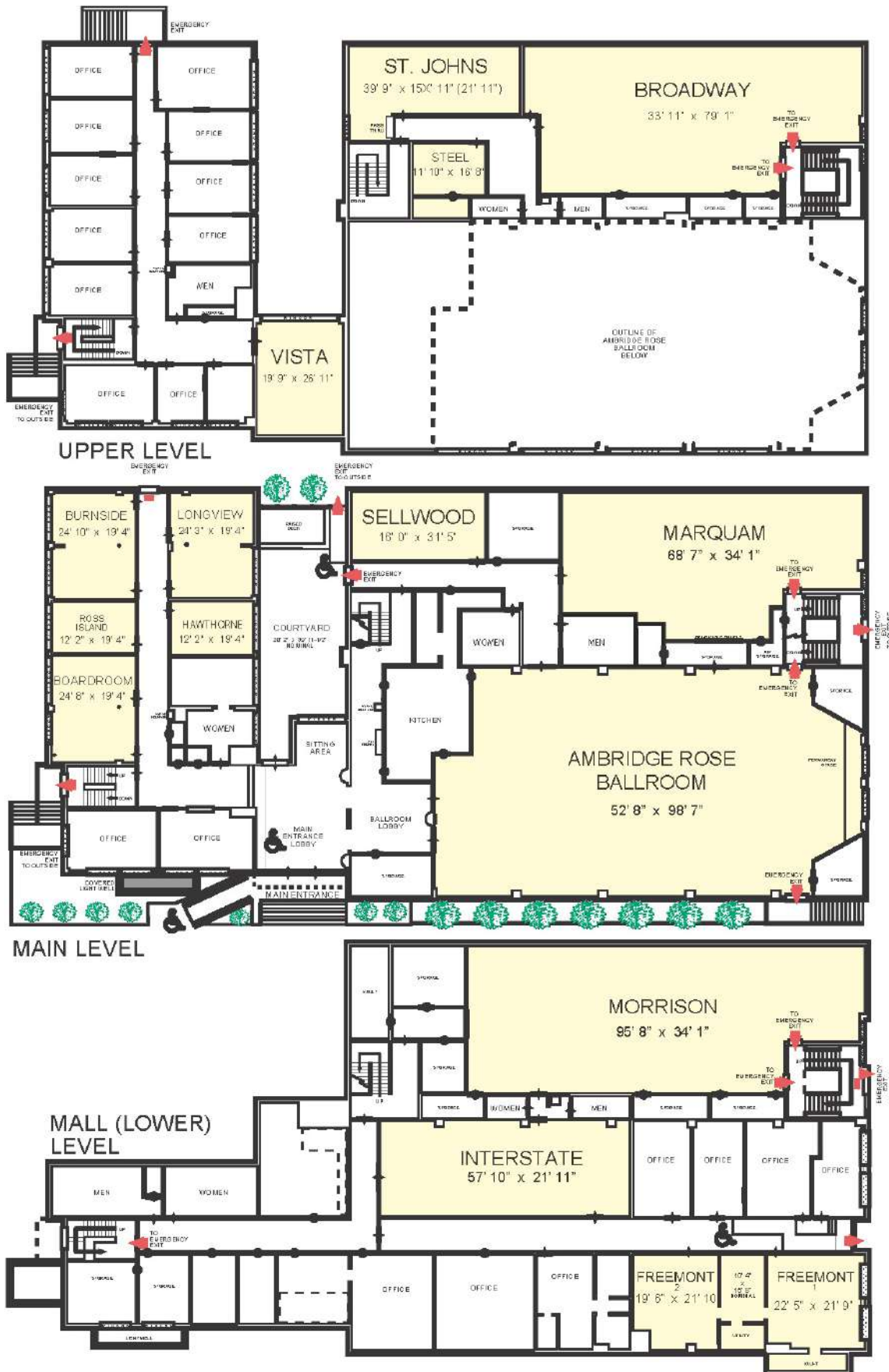
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### Rick Wormeli

One of the first Nationally Board Certified teachers in America, Rick Wormeli brings innovation, energy, validity and high standards to both his presentations, and his instructional practice, which includes 30 years teaching math, science, English, physical education, health, and history and coaching teachers. Rick's work has been reported in numerous media, including ABC's *Good Morning America*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *National Geographic* and *Good Housekeeping* magazines, *What Matters Most: Teaching for the 21st Century*, and the *Washington Post*.

Rick Wormeli is a columnist for the *National Middle School Association's Middle Ground* magazine, and he is the author of the award-winning book, *Meet Me in the Middle*, as well as the best-selling books, *Day One and Beyond*, *Fair Isn't Always Equal: Assessment and Grading in the Differentiated Classroom*, *Differentiation: From Planning to Practice, Grades 6-12*, *Metaphors & Analogies: Power Tools for Teaching any Subject*, all five from Stenhouse Publishers, as well as *Summarization in any Subject*, published by ASCD, and the Homework foldout from Incentive Publications. His classroom practice is a showcase for ASCD's best-selling series, *"At Work in the Differentiated Classroom,"* and Rick Wormeli is a contributing author to *Middle School Matters* and *Because You Teach*, published by Incentive Publications.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:30 to 8:30 ..... Registration ..... Ambridge Ballroom

8:30 to 10:00..... **1ST GENERAL SESSION** ..... Ambridge Ballroom

Welcome: Salam Noor, Deputy Superintendent, Oregon Department of Education

Speaker: Rick Wormeli "Grades/Grading"

The A-F grading system has been around since 1897 when it was used by Holyoke College to provide a description of performance with percentages and letter grades. Yet we know that a letter grade doesn't exclusively reflect everything a student knows and can do in a grade-level subject. How can we measure and report student learning more accurately, without reinforcing an environment where students are chasing points and only learning for the short term?

10:00 to 10:15..... Break / Visit Sponsors

10:15 to 12:15..... **2ND GENERAL SESSION** ..... Ambridge Ballroom

Speaker: Rick Wormeli "Assessment"

Teachers struggle to use proficiency-style assessments within varied instructional schedules. And it's frequently hard to personalize instruction and assessment in large classes. How can we get evidence over time and from multiple incidences of expression? And where do we find the time to offer rapid interventions and effective assessments? Rick will explore these issues and share rubric do's and don'ts, including advice on moving from a rubric score to a grade.

12:15 to 12:50..... Lunch Buffet / Visit Sponsors

1:00 to 1:50 ..... **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Top Down, Bottom Up and Side to Side: Finding the Proper Balance When Implementing Proficiency Based Practices** ..... Sellwood Room

Speaker: Chad Putman, Director of Teaching and Learning, Coos Bay Public Schools  
Diana Spillman, 5th Grade Teacher, Millacoma School, Coos Bay Public Schools



Using Coos Bay as a case study, we will consider the ramifications of a top down vs. bottom up implementation. We will talk about recognizing the importance and need for change before actually starting the journey, as well as leveraging the importance of instruction over simply reporting grades. District representatives will share the newly developed Coos Bays Student Centered Teaching and Learning Handbook for session participants to review.

**Identifying and Overcoming the Obstacles to Implementing Proficiency Based Education** ..... Marquam Room

Speakers: Dr. Donald L. Kordosky, Superintendent, Oakridge SD  
Greg Chapman, Principal, Oakridge Jr./Sr. High, Oakridge SD



This session provides details for addressing the obstacles to a district-wide evolution from social promotion to proficiency based education. Presenters will examine specific challenges encountered in their district's seven-year proficiency journey as well as the methods they used to overcome those hurdles. Hurdles we have tackled include the following: electronic grade books, how to deal with homework as a relevant component of PBE, public perceptions, student academic interventions, identification and limiting of standards, student behavior rubric and grading, PBE implementing processes and challenges, students transferring in to a PBE system from a traditional social promotion system, how to deal with late work, garnering Board and staff support, incompletes and timelines, multiple product attempts and

issues involving athletic eligibility.

**Are Your Students Credit Deficient? Using Oregon's Flexible Credit Option Policy to Increase Your Graduation Rate** ..... Morrison Room

Speaker: Diane Smith, Director of Teaching & Learning, Business Education Compact  
Umatilla SD 7-12



Oregon has one of the most flexible credit option policies of any state. And districts are working hard to connect students with solid credit-bearing opportunities that can improve skills, reduce drop-out rates and increase graduation rates. Uniquely, the flexible credit option model can help solve all of these problems while connecting to student interests and potential career areas. Together with BEC and Oregon ASK, Umatilla SD has figured out how to combine all of these options AND offer badges to students to demonstrate proficiency! Session participants will learn how to get help in making this happen in their districts, review sample documents that comply with Division 22, and hear from Umatilla SD about the benefits and structures in place to make this happen.

**From Proficiency to a Standards-Based Model** ..... Ambridge Ballroom

Speakers: Carlos Sequeira, Collaboration Director, Bethel SD  
Kelly Leguizamon, Math Instructor/District TOSA, Prairie Mountain School, Bethel SD



Description: Year 3, from "Proficiency" to a "Standards-Based Model." Bethel SD educators are in their third year of using proficiency-based practices in classrooms. Although the journey has been arduous, educators continue to make improvements towards a "Standards-Based" model with a focus on a rigorous curriculum (alignment of Power Standards), aligned instructional practices, and measuring and reporting student learning. This session will focus on how teachers have addressed the challenges and successes that come along with the adoption of common practices and a common reassessment system that focus on "student learning" rather than on the accumulation of points.

1:50 to 2:00 ..... Break / Door Prize Drawings

Door prizes provided by: Columbia Sportswear, IBM and Lewis & Clark College



2:00 to 3:30 ..... **3RD GENERAL SESSION** ..... Ambridge Ballroom

Speaker: Rick Wormeli "Homework/Q&A"

The roots of homework go back to the late 19th century when schools struggled to get elementary students to attend regularly. And through cycles of pro-homework movements and anti-homework movements, parents, students and teachers have not always been on the same page. What constitutes 'good' homework? Should you include it in your assessment results and grading or is it simply practice that doesn't count? How much work should students be expected to do outside the classroom? Join Rick in a review of quality homework practices and engage Rick in questions to refine your student-centered practices.

3:45 to 5:00 ..... More Q&A and Discussion with Rick ..... Ambridge Ballroom

5:00 ..... Adjourn Conference

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### JANUARY 2016

11-12 ..... Common Formative Assessments 2.0 - McMinnville..... Willamette ESD - Yamhill Center  
28-30 ..... OACOA/OASE Winter Conference..... Salishan, Gleneden Beach  
29..... New Superintendents Academy..... Salishan, Gleneden Beach  
30..... OACOA Seminar Series ..... Salishan, Gleneden Beach

### FEBRUARY 2016

5-6 ..... OALA Winter Conference..... Portland  
12..... Future Teachers Conference..... Western Oregon University  
18..... Eric Jensen Conference - Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind..... Eugene  
19..... Eric Jensen Conference - Leading with Poverty in Mind .....Salem  
24..... New Special Education Directors/Coordinators Seminar Series ..... Red Lion, Salem  
26..... New Superintendents Academy ..... Viticulture Center, Salem

### MARCH 2016

3 ..... Rick Wormeli Conference..... Inn at Commons, Medford  
4 ..... Annual Oregon Proficiency Conference featuring Rick Wormeli.....Ambridge Center, Portland  
9-11..... State English Learners Alliance Conference .....Hilton, Eugene  
14-15 ..... Spring Breakthrough Coach ..... Al Kadar Center, Wilsonville  
18-19 ..... Common Formative Assessments 2.0 - Ashland..... Lincoln School, Ashland  
20-21 ..... Common Formative Assessments 2.0 - Clackamas .....Clackamas ESD

### APRIL 2016

22..... New Superintendents Academy.....Hilton, Eugene  
22..... OACOA Seminar Series .....Hilton, Eugene

### MAY 2016

17-18 ..... Common Formative Assessments 2.0 - Ashland..... Lincoln School, Ashland  
19-20 ..... Common Formative Assessments 2.0 - Clackamas .....Clackamas ESD

### JUNE 2016

22..... 42nd Annual COSA Pre-Conference ..... Convention Center, Seaside  
23-24 ..... 42nd Annual COSA Conference ..... Convention Center, Seaside

### AUGUST 2016

3-5 ..... Statewide Assessment Conference.....Hilton, Eugene

### OCTOBER 2016

5-7 ..... ODE/COSA Special Education Administrators Annual Fall Conference .....Hilton, Eugene  
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