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Assessing the Core: Grading for Learning

Ken O'Connor a.k.a *The Grade Doctor*

- 7:30 – 8:30** **Registration** *Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center*
Enjoy coffee, juice, pastry and fruit
- 8:30 – 8:45** **Welcome** **Kevin Vidergar, Iowa ASCD President**
Banquet Rooms 1, 2, 3
- 8:45 – 12:00** **Assessing the Core: Grading for Learning** **Ken O'Connor**
Banquet Rooms 1, 2, 3
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Enjoy a Buffet lunch with time for networking**
Banquet Rooms 1, 2, 3
- 1:00 - 3:30** **Assessing the Core: Grading for Learning**
Banquet Rooms 1, 2, 3

PowerPoint of Ken O'Connor: Grading for Learning

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"The Fixes" by Ken O'Connor

Ken has been an independent consultant from 1996 to the present. He has been a staff development presenter and facilitator on assessment, grading and reporting in 45 states and 9 Canadian provinces and 21 countries outside North America. He has presented at many conferences in Canada and the U.S.A., including the Pearson ATI Summer Institute, (1996 and 1997 to 2014), Pearson ATI Grading Conferences (2006 to 2014), NSDC Annual Conference (2002), ASCD Annual Conferences (1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2005.), NASSP Annual Conference (2001), and ASCD Teaching and Learning Conferences in Nashville, in October, 1998, in Tampa, in October, 2000, and in New Orleans in October, 2002. He also was a keynote presenter at the EARCOS Teachers Conference in Bangkok in March 2003, and an institute presenter at AISA conferences in October 2005, and October 2007 in five countries in Africa. He has presented at NESA Conferences in Bahrain, Bangkok, Kathmandu, Athens, Muscat and Istanbul, and at ECIS in Amsterdam. He has also presented at a number of Solution Tree conferences including the Assessment Summits in Atlanta in October 2007, and 2008, in Schaumburg, IL in April 2012, and in Saskatoon, SK and Victoria, BC in the fall of 2014 . He was a member of the ASCD Faculty and the ASCD Understanding by Design cadre.

His twenty-three year teaching career included experience as a geography teacher and department head at L'Amoreaux C.I. and Maplewood High School in Scarborough, Ontario (1976-90) and teaching at four schools in Toronto and Melbourne, Australia (Grade 7-12) starting in 1967.

Ken was a Curriculum Coordinator responsible for Student Assessment and Evaluation and Geography for the Scarborough Board of Education (and then the Toronto District School Board) from March 1990 to June 1999. He also worked (half time) as a consultant on Secondary Assessment at the Ontario Ministry of Education from November 1998 to December 1999.

Ken is a sports fanatic. His lifelong sport is (field) hockey; he has been involved in administration, playing, coaching (his teams won two provincial high school championships and three of his players went on to represent Canada in the Olympics), and umpiring, including umpiring men's matches at the 1984 Olympic Games and the 1990 World Cup. More recently he has become a very keen golfer and has particularly enjoyed playing the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland, Pebble Beach in California, Bandon Dunes in Oregon, and Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

Ken lives in Scarborough (Toronto) with his wife Marilyn for most of the year and in The Villages in Florida in the winter. He has two children, Jeremy (who is married to Charlene) and Bronwyn (who is married to Rob Mason), and twin grandchildren (Jeremy and Charlene's children), Elliot and Vivian.

