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## National Staff Development Council Names Carol François as New Director of Learning

DALLAS—September 2, 2008—National Staff Development Council executive director Stephanie Hirsh recently announced the appointment of Carol François as director of learning.

As NSDC’s director of learning, François is responsible for overall operation of the organization’s highly regarded Annual Conference and its recently developed Summer Conference for Teacher Leaders and the Administrators Who Support Them. In addition, she will guide the other major NSDC learning opportunities.

François brings a wealth of experience into this position. Most recently as the founder of François Consulting Services, she provided leadership development for organizations and individuals. She has also served in a variety of roles including posts as chief of staff for the Dallas Independent School District; associate commissioner of education at the Texas Education Agency District; assistant superintendent for human resources for Wake County Public Schools in Raleigh, North Carolina; department director at Region 10 Education Service Center; grade-level principal; and dean of instruction with the Dallas Independent School District.

François holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Lock Haven University and a master of education degree in education from Temple University, both in Pennsylvania. She earned a doctor of education degree in educational administration at Texas A&M University - Commerce. In addition, she is a certified process manager as well as a certified retirement options coach. She has been awarded numerous honors including being named the Dallas Independent School District Teacher of the Year, a Meadows Foundation Principal Improvement Fellow, and a Texas A&M University - Commerce Alumni Ambassador.

“Joining NSDC as the director of learning is a natural outgrowth of my public and private sector professional development experiences,” said François, “and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to work in an outstanding organization that is well known for its expertise in this arena.”

### ***About National Staff Development Council***

The National Staff Development Council’s purpose is ensuring that every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves. NSDC is the only education association working solely to increase student achievement through more effective professional development. For more information about the impact of high-quality professional learning, visit [www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org).

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