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## Marti Richardson receives NSDC's Distinguished Service Award

DALLAS—December 8, 2009— The National Staff Development Council recognized Past President Marti Richardson with the Distinguished Service Award for her unselfish leadership and support of the Council.

For 25 years Marti has served NSDC members by presiding as 2003 NSDC President, serving on the Board of Trustees, establishing the IFN Bridge Builder Award recognizing principal professional development, chairing the NSDC 1997 Annual Conference in Nashville, presenting at over 20 NSDC conferences, as well as founding and leading the Tennessee state affiliate for over ten years.

"I can't think of a single volunteer job at NSDC that Marti Richardson has not fulfilled," said Stephanie Hirsh, NSDC Executive Director. "She never seeks credit and takes great pride in all that her colleagues accomplish. She has served NSDC with grace, compassion, and humility. She is the finest example of a servant leader."

NSDC presented the prestigious award at its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo. NSDC's annual awards program recognizes individuals for their commitment to improving student achievement through effective professional learning. The School Improvement Network sponsored the 2009 awards.

## 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 <a href="https://www.nsdc.org">www.nsdc.org</a>.

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