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### **Deborah Childs-Bowen receives Learning Forward’s Distinguished Service Award**

DALLAS—December 7, 2010—Learning Forward recognized Past President Deborah Childs-Bowen with the Distinguished Service Award for her unselfish leadership and support of the organization.

For 16 years Childs-Bowen has served Learning Forward members by presiding as the President in 2005, serving on the Board of Trustees for six years, launching the first School Team Conference, convening the first network for regional education lab staff, presenting and facilitating at over 20 conferences, and advocating for Learning Forward’s standards and quality professional development.

“No request has ever been too small or too large for Deborah,” said Stephanie Hirsh, Learning Forward Executive Director. “She brings vision, passion, and thoughtfulness to each assignment. Her legacy is organizational advancements in the areas of engagement, ethics, and equity.”

Learning Forward presented the prestigious award at its 2010 Annual Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Learning Forward’s annual awards program recognizes individuals for their commitment to improving student achievement through effective professional learning. School Improvement Network sponsored the 2010 awards.

#### ***About Learning Forward (formerly National Staff Development Council)***

Learning Forward’s purpose is ensuring that every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves. Learning Forward is a nonprofit, international association of learning educators focused on increasing student achievement through more effective professional development. To learn more about the impact of high-quality professional learning, visit [www.learningforward.org](http://www.learningforward.org).