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Kathy DiRanna receives Learning Forward's Susan Loucks-Horsley Award

DALLAS—December 6, 2011—The Susan Loucks-Horsley Award honors the memory of Susan Loucks-Horsley by recognizing an individual who exemplifies Loucks-Horsley's commitment to instill efficacy in others, collaborate across boundaries, and sustain impact on the field of professional learning. This year Learning Forward is pleased to present this award to Kathy DiRanna, an individual known for her leadership and commitment to quality science and mathematics education.

As statewide director of WestEd's K-12 Alliance, DiRanna oversees grant-funded programs such as the California Math and Science Partnership and the California Postsecondary Education Commission. DiRanna has shaped the quality of science teaching over the past 25 years through her extensive work in systemic reform. In addition to working on numerous state committees and programs, she has co-developed several national projects and co-authored two books.

Learning Forward presented the prestigious award at its 2011 Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif. Learning Forward's annual awards program recognizes individuals for their commitment to improving student achievement through effective professional learning. School Improvement Network sponsored the 2011 awards.

About Learning Forward (formerly National Staff Development Council)

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