

# *You are cordially invited . . .*

to participate in the 2002 Professional Development Schools National Conference held in Orlando, Florida, at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport.

## ***Breaking Ground, Building a Foundation, and Keeping House: PDS as a Cornerstone for School Renewal***

The concept of school/university partnerships is rapidly becoming the focus of groups all across the nation. In many states, government agencies are looking at the benefits of supporting these collaborative ventures with state funds. The literature on partnerships and professional development schools is starting to flood the journals. Many such school/university partnerships have been operating for ten or more years. New ones are under study.

The theme of this year's PDS National Conference sponsored by the Southeast Region of the Holmes Partnership and the South Carolina Network for Educational Renewal is quite timely: "Breaking Ground, Building a Foundation, and Keeping House: PDS as a Cornerstone for School Renewal". The focus of the conference is quite broad and promises to meet the needs of those thinking of beginning partnerships as well as those who have been operating for a long time. Presentations will focus on the three fold themes of beginning partnerships, strengthening partnerships, and maintaining partnerships. We are excited to be able to bring together groups in various stages of their development to share their stories and strategies. This broad theme provides choices for every participant. The facilities at the Renaissance Hotel (Airport) in Orlando will permit us to host up to 80 presentations.

In addition to the full conference, two special visits are planned for those who can arrive early to participate. The University of Central Florida, our local host of the conference, is part of two unique partnerships. One partnership is a multi-university partnership with Celebration School. The other partnership is with the Orlando Science Center. Opportunities will be provided to explore these two unique programs for several hours on Thursday afternoon.

*Come and join us as we explore the power of partnerships in the beautiful city of Orlando, Florida.*

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

#### **Thursday, March 7, 2002:**

12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM	.....	Conference Registr
12:30 - 4:00 PM	.....	Pre-Conference Site-Visits*
1:00 - 4:00 PM	.....	SE Holmes Plannin Session/Business M
5:00 - 6:00 PM	.....	Opening Session
6:00 - 7:00 PM	.....	Meet & Greet Recep

#### **Friday, March 8, 2002:**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	.....	Conference Registr
7:00 - 9:00 AM	.....	Continental Breakf
9:00 - 10:00 AM	.....	General Session
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	.....	Concurrent Session
12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	.....	Luncheon
1:30 - 4:30 PM	.....	Concurrent Session
6:00 - 7:30 PM	.....	Gala Reception

#### **Saturday, March 9, 2002:**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	.....	Conference Registr
7:00 - 9:00 AM	.....	Continental Breakf
9:00 - 10:00 AM	.....	General Session
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	.....	Concurrent Session
12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	.....	Luncheon
1:30 - 4:30 PM	.....	Concurrent Session
6:00 PM	.....	Downtown Disney trip for dinner on-your-own

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2002:**

7:00 AM - 12 Noon	.....	Conference Registr
7:00 - 9:00 AM	.....	Continental Breakf
9:00 - 11:00 AM	.....	Concurrent Session
11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	.....	General Session
12:00 Noon	.....	Conference Adjour

**\* Separate fee and registration required.**

*This is an outline of the actual conference schedule, may be adjusted as necessary. You will receive a copy conference program when you pick up your material conference.*