

Dear Principal,

I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming seminar on **How to Grow Your Student Success and Develop Highly Effective Teachers** on **16 November 2012** hosted by **Dr. Jim MAHONEY, Executive Director, Battelle for Kids and Principal, Ms. NG Ka Chun, Lok Sin Tong Leung Wong Wai Fong Memorial School, IAIE (HK) and Battelle for Kids (HK)**. Dr. Mahoney will share about how five of the highest-performing school systems across the world that have sustained gains as measured by national and international assessments have achieved these results. He will highlight practical research and powerful practices that improve educator effectiveness and accelerate growth for all students.

Principal Ng will share how her school embraces a collaborative culture that supports teachers' efforts to improve their instructional practices. She will talk about her school journey in embracing and implementing these formative assessment practices in their daily classrooms. She will show examples of the changes she empowers her teachers to perform these effective practices in the classroom to promote student learning ownership and learning motivation. Her school has adopted the Formative Instructional Practices through participating as a project school in the last two years. She found that these practices have helped her to guide the teachers' instructions more effectively and improve their students' learning and motivation significantly. These had enabled the school to cater for learning diversity, improve students' academic achievement as well as improving teachers' instruction.

The seminar focuses on how effective training and application practices of formative assessment practices can transform students' learning and teachers' instructional practices. Assessment training and support are necessary to help teachers use formative assessment to guide their instructional decision-making. In this seminar, we would like to share with principals, senior teachers and curriculum leaders about the power of improved, high-quality assessment practices to accelerate student learning.

The seminar is structured around presentation, video sharing and discussion. The seminar will provide opportunities for you to see how your teachers' instructional practices can be changed to allow your students' learning to accelerate. The seminar is composed of two parts. The focuses are:

1. *Experience sharing by presenters on how formative instructional practices could help to improve instruction and accelerate student learning effectiveness*
2. *Idea generations by participants on ways to implement teaching and learning practices to promote learning motivation*

Part One –Executive Director, Dr. Jim MAHONEY, sharing on the powerful practices that improve educator effectiveness and accelerate growth for all students:

Dr. Mahoney will share about the key characteristics of the high-performing school system in the world and how are the key practices that enables them to sustain and maintain students' academic successes and improve teachers' effectiveness at the same time.

Part Two –Principal, Ms. NG Ka Chun, sharing on formative instructional practices:

Principal Ng will share about her school's experiences in adopting the practices and she models and supports the practices to foster success. Also she will talk about how the practices had impacted on the raising the teaching effectiveness and student engagement and learning motivation.

Part Three – Battelle for Kids project manager will introduce on the one year project to support schools to adopt the Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) to improve Students' Learning and Motivation

Battelle for Kids project manager will share about their work and their upcoming project on FIP. The content of their section includes:

- Identifying the needs of formative instructional practices training
- Outlining Formative Assessment strategies, tools and the support structure
- Introducing Battelle for Kids (HK) and the FIP Project in December 2012 and 2013 training program

Detail arrangements of the seminar are as follows:

Date: **16 November 2012**

Venue: Room W425, Education Bureau, Kowloon Tong Education Service Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon.

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Medium of instruction: English and Cantonese

Presenters:

Executive Director, Dr. Jim MAHONEY, Battelle for Kids

Principal, Ms. NG Ka Chun, Lok Sin Tong Leung Wong Wai Fong Memorial School

HK Project Manager, Joyce Wong, Battelle for Kids (HK)

Please fax your reply **on or before November 2 2012 to Battelle for Kids (Hong Kong) (Fax 39944933) for enrolment** .If you have further enquiry, please feel free to contact Joyce WONG at 61001630.

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To: Battelle for Kids (Hong Kong) (Fax: 39944933)
Attention: Ms Joyce Wong
(Please fax on or before 2 November 2012)

In responses to the Invitation as detailed in the letter:
My school's participations are as follows:

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Name of School: _____

Address of the School _____

Name of Principal: _____ Signature _____

Name of the coordinating teacher _____

Telephone: _____ Fax _____

E-mail: _____ Date: _____