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**Ridgemont Local Schools**  
***"Welcome Back" Professional Development Day***

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**Building "R" Future: Getting Started**  
**August 14, 2013**

**Envisioning Goals:**

1. Service-learning and project based learning which addresses real world problems for real world audiences
2. Customized student learning based on student need and readiness which uses technology as a primary tool
3. Deeper, amplified learning which makes Numbers 1 and 2 purposeful and meaningful to students

**Essential/Driving Question:** *How can we design/create highly engaging work (learning experiences) that our students cannot resist? What would it look like?*

**Introductory Comments (Emmy Davis)**

**Our Approach/Overview of Two-Year PD Plan (Ellen Erlanger and Kathy Meyer)**

***Year 1: Inquiry/Exploration, Skill Building, and Initial Planning***

What should high quality projects/learning experiences look like, and what skills/strategies will we need to implement them effectively?

***Year 2: Design, Piloting, and Fine Tuning***

What projects/strategies can we try out? How can we collaboratively refine our efforts as we prepare to "launch" our new building and instructional program?

**Individual and Small Group Reflection, Part 1**

I'm excited about...

I'm concerned/apprehensive about...

I need to know/learn more about...

**Crellin Video: A Success Story**

**Individual and Small Group Reflection, Part 2**

Things I hope Ridgemont kids will say about their experiences here...

This will be a good year if...

**Closing Video and Next Steps**

## **Consultant Bios**

**Ellen Erlanger** was a teacher and administrator for the Upper Arlington City Schools, Upper Arlington, Ohio, for 27 years and was involved in service-learning, career development, character education, vocational education, guidance, staff development, and community education throughout that time. In addition to fulfilling her local program responsibilities, she provided consultation, training and technical assistance to other public and private schools on a regional, statewide and national basis. Ellen retired from the Upper Arlington City Schools in December 2002 after 30 years in the field and is now Vice President of Legacy Consulting Group and a consultant with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference, a non-profit corporation providing training and educational materials development. She is also Co-Director of the *Growing Together Service-Learning Network*.

Ellen has authored a variety of instructional materials and education-related articles as well as other books, works of poetry, and newspaper and magazine articles. She is also active in relevant education organizations at the state and national levels. During her leadership, the Upper Arlington City School District achieved the rare distinction of having all three of their secondary schools selected by the Corporation for National Service as "National Service-Learning Leader Schools." Ellen holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan.

**Kathy Meyer** has been an educator for more than 40 years and served as an administrator for the Worthington Schools, Worthington, Ohio, from 1985 to 2000, where she supervised service-learning, career development, character education, vocational education, guidance, science, and after-school and summer school programs. Under her leadership, Worthington was selected as a model school district by Learn and Serve Ohio. Kathy retired from the Worthington Schools in December 2000 and is President of Legacy Consulting Group. In addition, she is associated with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference and Co-Director of the *Growing Together Service-Learning Network*.

In these roles, Kathy has authored and published a variety of instructional materials and provided related training programs in many public and private schools throughout Ohio and a number of other states. She has provided expertise in a variety of other settings and is active in many professional organizations. Over the years, she served in a number of leadership positions, including President of the Ohio Career Education Association. Kathy holds a B.A. from Wittenberg University and an M.A. from Wright State University.

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