Educator Professional Learning Temperature Survey

Below is a sample questionnaire to help gauge the current professional learning climate across a district from the educator perspective. Results from this needs assessment can assist in developing a district or school-wide professional learning plan that will meet the needs of its educator force.

Describe your school type? Select all that apply.
Title I
Immersion
Magnet
Alternative
Charter

Which of the following best describes the level at which you currently teach?
Pre-K
Primary (K-2)
Intermediate (3-5)
Middle Level (6-8)
Secondary (9-12)

In which of the following content areas would you like to be offered additional strategies and teaching methods?
Mathematics
Reading
Arts Integration
Science
STEAM
Social Studies
World Languages
Physical Education/Health
Other

What other development opportunities interest you?
Conflict Resolution
RTI and Academic Interventions
Educational Theory, Psychology of Learning
Teaching non-native English speakers
Family Engagement
Gifted Education

Classroom Management
Data-driven Teaching
Adult Learning/Peer Collaboration
Service Learning
Leadership (e.g. change management)
Other _____

Thinking about the most <u>valuable</u> professional learning you experienced over the past year, which of the following applied (select all that do):
I was able to work collaboratively with a small group of peers
I participated in a whole school event
I participated in online discussions with peers outside of my school
I had a chance to observe other teachers
I attended a conference, summit, or panel
I presented at a conference, summit, or panel
I attended a multi-day workshop in my content area
I was given coaching over the course of the semester to supplement the PD
Other _____
None of the above

Within the past year, have you accessed any of the following content for your professional learning needs (select all that apply):
Trade websites (Edutopia, MindShift, etc.)
Online teacher communities (Edmodo, BloomBoard, etc.)
Podcasts
TED talks
YouTube lesson demos
Other _____

When trying to understand a new concept, which of the following is <u>most </u>helpful (select only one)?
Connecting the idea to practical applications
Reflecting personally on the concept
Structuring or categorizing the smaller components of the larger concept
Identifying "big ideas" of a concept
Discussing with others about the concept

Within the past year, have you participated in any of the following professional learning experiences (select all that apply):
Conferences or unconferences
MOOCs
Twitter Chats
PLCs

Webinar
Contributing to journal articles or other research
Other _____

How relevant to your practice do you find the professional learning topics and opportunities offered to you on a scale of 1 to 5. (where 1 indicates least relevant and 5 indicates extremely relevant)?

        1   2   3   4   5

In which instructional areas you would like more PD? Select as many as relevant below.
Next Generation Science Standards
Project-based learning
Performance-based assessment
Common Core State Standards
Six+1 Traits of Writing
Reading circles
Leveled readers
Other_____

How often do you incorporate the content from professional learning in which you've engaged into your classroom instruction?
Very often
Often
Seldom
Not often
Not at all

On average, how much time would you want to be engaged in professional learning each week?
None
1-3 hours
4-10 hours
More than 10 hours

Which of the following incentives for PD are most important/valuable to you (select all that apply)?
CEU conversion
Subject area/content alignment
Monetary reward
Add-on certification/endorsement (gifted instruction, ESOL, autistic instruction, etc.)
Concrete resources (curriculum guide, content poster, etc.)
Other _____

I prefer to participate in staff development that is scheduled...
On release-time, with coverage provided
After work-hours
When school is not in session
Online

What type of follow-up activities to professional development you've participated in have been provided to you (select all that apply)?
Demo lessons
Coaching
Web-based support (webinar, blogs, wikis, virtual PLCs)
Videos/DVDs
Other _____

I prefer professional development that is delivered...
Online
Through study groups, PLCs
Face-to-face
Blended

For which technology resource would you like more PD support?
Promethean/Smartboard
WIki
Edmodo
Chromebooks
iPads
Skype
Accelerated Reader
Accelerated Math
Other _____

What is most important to you in a teacher PD experience (select a maximum of three)?
Flexibility in time
No cost
Peer learning
Ability to receive a certificate of completion
Alignment with state standards
Alignment with national standards
Other _____

How much do you personally spend on PD outside of programs provided by your district or school?
Nothing

< than $100
Between $100 to $250
Between $251 to $500
Over $500

Rate the following communities or programs for their value as a professional learning network or resource on a scale of 1 indicating not at all valuable and 5 indicating extremely valuable.
YouTube
Pinterest
Google+
Teacher Tube
Teaching Channel
Edmodo
Facebook
We are Teachers
LinkedIn
Twitter
ASCD Edge
Classroom 2.0

Which of the following technology tools do you use with students?
Online games (MineCraft, Khan Academy, etc.)
Social Media
Google Apps
LMS (Blackboard, Moodle, etc.)
Offline technology (digital cameras, VR, etc.)

Would you describe the professional learning that district has provided you as a "partner" in your professional growth?
Yes
At times
No