

## **PCSS Returns to Lancaster, the Red Rose City**

### **“Differentiating Social Studies Instruction: Ensuring Success for All Learners”**

Located in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, historic Lancaster City has a rich variety of attractions that will not disappoint the visitor. The downtown area includes a number of quaint shops that line the streets near Penn Square, the city’s central meeting point. Close by the square is Central Market, one of the oldest enclosed markets in the United States. Near the market are the Heritage Center Museum and the Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum. A number of smaller museums and galleries dot the area. To get a good feel for the downtown, the out-of-towner may opt for one of the walking tours sponsored by the Heritage Center of Lancaster County. The city’s arts district includes the famous Fulton Opera House, the oldest inland opera house in America. Along with the Fulton, Prince Street’s Gallery Row is also the location of the Pennsylvania Academy of Music and the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. Because of the city’s vibrant past and its cosmopolitan ambiance, the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies is proud to announce that Lancaster City has been selected to host the Council’s 2010 annual conference. The conference site is the new Lancaster County Convention Center. Located within walking distance to all major downtown attractions, the convention center, along with the integrated Marriott Hotel, provide the most up-to-date amenities for ensuring a successful conference.

This year’s conference theme is *Differentiating Social Studies Instruction: Ensuring Success for All Learners*. As social studies advocates preparing effective citizens for a global society, it is paramount that we address the instructional needs of all students in our classrooms. It is the intent of this year’s conference to facilitate this goal. Proposals for the 2010 PCSS Conference should focus on instructional approaches that provide opportunities for successful growth by all students. They need to reflect the belief that each individual is an important contributor to society. The PCSS is looking for examples of

programs that encourage meaningful learning, specific strategies for everyday instruction, assessments that foster systematic instruction, and innovations for creating learning communities in the classroom.

The 2010 PCSS Conference will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on differentiating social studies instruction. Through this exchange, conference participants will gain a greater awareness of current practices that promote successful learning by all students in the social studies learning environment. So join your social studies colleagues and plan to attend the 2010 PCSS Conference in beautiful downtown Lancaster City. The dates are September 29 through October 1, 2010. The conference will not be complete without you!