

# DELIBERATION FOR COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

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This clinic focuses on teaching democratic deliberation in the social studies classroom and curriculum. If democratic deliberation is at the heart of our representative government, then how does it happen if it is not taught. Deliberative democracy rests on the core notion of citizens and their representatives deliberating about public problems and solutions under conditions that are conducive to reasoned reflection and refined public judgment; a mutual willingness to understand the values, perspectives, and interests of others; and the possibility of reframing their interests and perspectives in light of a joint search for common interests and mutually acceptable solutions.

Clinic participants will explore ways to engage students and fellow teachers in the use of non-partisan deliberative activities to frame and work through issues which are important to them (school, local, regional, national and international).

The Civic Mission of Schools Report recommends incorporating discussion of current events and controversial issues into classrooms, as a way of promoting student intellectual engagement and civic learning. It further suggests that civic learning extend to classes other than the traditional civics courses. This clinic will respond to that recommendation.

The workshop will provide:

- Experience in nonpartisan deliberative discussions on real world issues.
- Educators with information about best practices for using deliberation in high schools.
- Educators with ways deliberative forums address local, state and national standards.
- A problem-solving and mentoring network for teachers.
- A way of linking texts to rich conversation, supporting literacy learning.
- Content and strategies for engaging students in active authentic discussions -- in ways that are productive, intellectual and academically stimulating.

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Friday, October 17, 2008  
1:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.*

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