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**Teachers Drive CTL Math Program Development**

Who knows better regarding what’s working and what’s not when it comes to teaching and learning, than the classroom teacher.

The New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is transforming math and science education around the state. “I’m so excited to see a program like this” said oHoHHosHoda Abdelwahab a student teacher from Rutgers University.

Hoda Abdelwahab , an inspiring new teacher, had the opportunity to attend a training session on CTL’s Progressive Mathematics Initiative (PMI) while doing her student teaching at Technology High School, in Newark.

PMI is modeled on CTL’s Progressive Science Initiative (PSI) which has seen impressive gains in student learning. According to Peter Santino, PE, a mathematics teacher at Technology High School, “the methods used in PMI seem to be a blend of traditional teaching embedded in a progressive style, student-centered classroom.”

CTL’s website is exploding with visits – close to 100,000 visits are expected this month.

Teachers are excited about both PSI and PMI because they offer rich, teacher created, tested, and refined, digital content, and it’s all available for FREE on CTL’s website, [www.njctl.org](http://www.njctl.org).

“The units are so cohesive, said Melissa Axelsson, a mathematics teacher from Egg Harbor City, because they go through a continuous cycle of improvement.” Axelsson led a group of teachers who worked collaboratively to develop the K-8 math units, which were then shared with teachers throughout New Jersey and beyond, to gather feedback, “so that we always have the newest, most effective units available for teachers to use,” said Axelsson.

The latest collaborative efforts have resulted in the development of K-8 mathematics units that are aligned to the common core.

Teachers are in the driver’s seat when it comes to CTL’s program development. Who knows better regarding what’s working and what’s not when it comes to teaching and learning, than the classroom teacher. At this point, thousands of educators have reviewed CTL’s PSI course materials and hundreds have already reviewed CTL’s newer program, PMI.

“Using PMI is making my life so much easier – I can focus my energy on student learning, said math teacher Daniel Ramirez, knowing that I’m using materials that teachers have tested.”

CTL garnered a gold award in an international competition, through the IMS Global Conference, Learning Impact Award, in for its teaching methodologies, rich, digital, open source math and science content and documented results on student learning.

Attend NJEA Convention to learn more about these exciting programs which are transforming teaching and learning. Check your convention program, pages 36-37, to see a list of our program sessions. Be sure to stop by CTL’s booth and visit us at High Tech Hall.

CTL is an independent 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to empower teachers to lead school transformation. For more on CTL, check out www.njctl.org.

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