

CFK '08/Project GLAD Cheat Sheet

This year's *Calling for Kids* campaign is supporting an accelerated rollout of Project GLAD teacher training across the Issaquah School District.

What is Project GLAD?

- Equips teachers with proven “best practices” for facilitating classroom learning.
- Trains teachers how to teach effectively to all kids and learning styles.
- Trains teachers how to teach to the highest level while supporting everyone.
- Is so powerful that teachers say it transforms the learning environment:
 - Highly visual; butcher paper with words and pictorials covers all walls
 - Teaching and learning is fast-paced, yet environment is safe and supportive
 - All students are engaged in learning
 - Uses multiple ways to get ideas across to visual, verbal, kinesthetic learners
 - Fewer behavior problems in GLAD classrooms
 - Teachers say it's more fun to teach this way
 - Students learn more, remember more, synthesize more

Where did GLAD come from?

- Originated in California in the early 90's.
- Earned outstanding program commendations in California and nationally
- Started as an ELL program, but found it had application for all kids
- Nothing gimmicky – just a comprehensive collection of proven best practices

Why is the District doing this?

- Fastest way to improved student achievement is through teacher training.
- Teachers represent 85% of ISD budget = ISD's single biggest asset. It's critically important to leverage this asset by investing in it.
- Part of a larger district strategy to invest in more powerful training for our teacher corps and principal corps:

Powerful teaching + powerful leadership =
powerful learning.