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## There's Still Time to Register for the Direct Instruction Leadership Academy!

**Direct Instruction Leadership Academy**  
March 19 & 20, 2020 — Columbus, Ohio  
for administrators, principals, instructional coaches, curriculum directors and school board members

Presented by **NIFDI**  
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**Fee—\$269.00**  
Includes all materials, lunch and more

Learn how to maximize the effectiveness of your Direct Instruction Implementation!

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Are you currently implementing Direct Instruction or planning on implementing DI in the upcoming school year?

Join the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) in Columbus, Ohio March 19 & 20 for a Direct Instruction (DI) Leadership Academy on the essentials of a successful DI implementation. This academy is designed for administrators, instructional coaches, curriculum directors and school board members.

- Understand how DI facilitates effective instructional leadership.
- Acquire skills and knowledge that will show leaders how schools should be set up for success with DI.
- Identify steps school leaders should take to prepare for implementing DI.
- Develop a personal "action plan" for transforming their school into an effective, efficient school.

A full brochure and registration information is available on [our website](#).

You can also contact Bryan Wickman, NIFDI's Outreach Events Coordinator at 1.877.485.1973 or by email at [bwickman@nifdi.org](mailto:bwickman@nifdi.org) with questions or for more information.

## National Direct Instruction Conference Registration Opens Soon!



Registration for the National Conference will open on March 11th. The conference has been a mainstay for training on all of the major Direct Instruction programs. This year the conference will include a special presentation and overview session on the new Reading Mastery Transformations Edition, as well as specific program training on the kindergarten and first grade levels of the reading strand. As always, the conference includes many additional sessions related to DI, such as CHAMPS Behavior Management, research on DI, fluency building and much more. We also will continue to offer the very popular Trainer Training, Coaching and Administrator Institutes.

A complete brochure and registration will be available on March 11th. Until then, [view this short video](#) and imagine yourself in Eugene this summer!

## Nominate an Educator for an Excellence in Education Award

An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success--success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:



- \* Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- \* Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- \* The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website.

Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so download the [application packet](#) today!

## In Memory of Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann



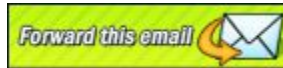
NIFDI notes that it has been one year since Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann passed away in Eugene, Oregon. Zig is recognized as the inventor of Direct Instruction. His genius in task analysis and sequencing instruction to attain mastery is unparalleled. Aside from the 50+ instructional programs of which he is the senior author, his pioneering work forms the foundation for much of what today is considered research or evidence based instruction.

NIFDI's website has an [excellent resource](#) for learning more about Zig's life and



contributions to education. There, you will find a links to a video of the memorial service, an interview with Zig, a documentary about him, and many other interesting videos and print articles.

We miss him greatly, and remain dedicated to his legacy of ensuring that all learners are given the opportunity to succeed.



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