



Plans a Big Year for Region's Educators!

SVETN's Professional Development Initiative (PDI) is off to a busy start with lots more professional development opportunities on tap for Southwest Virginia educators. Coming up next on **December 8** is a half-day workshop on **Dropout Prevention** presented by Dr. Michael Robinson at the Higher Ed Center in Abingdon. On **January 8** John Smith, a veteran science teacher, will present a half-day hands-on workshop for high school science teachers, **Technology Tools for Secondary Science Instruction**, to enhance both teaching and learning! Then, thanks to a partnership with Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (VASCD), on **January 30**, PDI is hosting one of the nation's most sought after presenters, Dr. Dan Mulligan. Dr. Mulligan's one-day workshop, **Middle School Math Strategies That Work**, is almost filled!

To register for any upcoming PDI events or to check out the full slate of scheduled and pending PDI events for winter and spring, go to our website, www.svetn.org and click on *Professional Development Initiative* in the bottom center of the screen. (Check the PDI schedule regularly because we always keep an eye out for potential presenters and events to add!) Registration fees for all PDI events are either waived completely or reduced for educators employed by divisions that are members of PDI. For your convenience, you can register for most events online from our website. All participants in any PDI event will receive a certificate for recertification points/hours.