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### **Foothills School Hosts National Education Leader**

Foothills School of Arts and Sciences is bringing to town education specialist Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson December 3 and 4 for a two-day conference about innovative education methods at the Oxford Suites in Boise. The conference will be attended by more than 120 educators and school administrators from across Idaho.

“We are thrilled to be hosting someone who is making such a difference in the education agenda nationally by talking about how schools have to change to meet the needs of learners,” said Foothills Education Director Jo Henderson.

Dr. Tomlinson will discuss how to meet the needs of each individual learner, known in educational jargon as “differentiation.” The conference follows the 2008 release of Dr. Tomlinson’s latest book, “The Differentiated School: Making Revolutionary Changes in Teaching and Learning.”

Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson is an international speaker and the author of over ten books on differentiation. Dr. Tomlinson is currently William Clay Parrish Jr. Professor and Chair of Educational Leadership, Foundations, and Policy at the University of Virginia Curry School of Education. She was named Virginia ‘Teacher of the Year’ in 1974.

To make a reservation for the two-day workshop, please email [eshehabi@foothillsschool.org](mailto:eshehabi@foothillsschool.org). The cost for the workshop is \$70 and, for an additional fee, graduate credit is available.

Foothills School of Arts and Sciences in downtown Boise has been using differentiation to meet the unique needs of each learner since 1992. Foothills School offers a student-teacher ratio of 1:9 and a school-wide electives program that helps students find their personal passions. Foothills graduates have gone on to such universities as Stanford, M.I.T, and the Seattle Art Institute. For more information about Foothills, please visit [www.foothillsschool.org](http://www.foothillsschool.org).

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