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Dyslexia Associations and University of Nebraska Will Host Statewide Conference for Educators on September 17

Meeting will feature nationally-recognized expert on helping at-risk readers.

(July 19, 2010) – The *Nebraska Branch of The International Dyslexia Association* and the *Friends of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association* will host a statewide conference on September 17 in Kearney. The day-long conference will provide practical information, resources and best practices for elementary, middle school and high school educators and administrators who want to improve literacy skills for students who struggle.

The conference features nationally-recognized speaker Anthony Pedriana, author of *Leaving Johnny Behind: Overcoming Barriers to Literacy and Reclaiming At-Risk Readers*. He is a former school administrator and educator who spent the majority of his career educating students in Milwaukee's inner city. Pedriana believes that building coalitions among reading practitioners is the ultimate expression of child advocacy.

The conference will also include sessions on evidence-based approaches for teaching spelling, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

The conference is co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Kearney College of Education.

Friday, September 17
Differentiated Instruction: Embracing Individuality
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
University of Nebraska-Kearney

Details and registration information are available in the "Conferences" section at www.ne-ida.com.

Community members are invited to attend a fundraising reception hosted by the *Friends of Nebraska Dyslexia Association* following the conference from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Alumni House on the University of Nebraska's Kearney campus. Charitable donations to FONDA support the activities of *The Nebraska Branch of The International Dyslexia Association*.

The mission of The Nebraska Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (www.ne-ida.com) is to improve educational opportunities for students with reading, writing and spelling deficits; promote education of teachers in research-based approaches to reading instruction; work with teacher education providers to require research-based training for teacher certification; and provide information and support to parents and the public on reading problems.

The vision of the Friends of Nebraska Dyslexia Association is to empower children with the skills they need to read and succeed. FONDA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization solely formed to support the activities and initiatives of The Nebraska Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (www.ne-ida.com), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.