## **Letter From the Executive Directors**



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Welcome to the world of Kagan Professional Development! For over 20 years now, we've been offering workshops to help teachers help students achieve more success. Each year, our team of more than 50 trainers and instructors work with teachers, schools, and districts across the United States. We have also teamed up with international organizations in Singapore, the Netherlands, the UK, Denmark, Italy, and Korea—to name a few—to bring Kagan trainings to educators around the world. Kagan is the pre-eminent professional development organization for cooperative learning and active engagement.

Central to all Kagan trainings are Kagan Structures: research-based instructional strategies designed to promote greater cooperation and active engagement in the classroom. As teachers use these simple structures, students have fun and turn on to learning. The Kagan approach creates a safe and supportive learning community, most conducive to academic success and social development.

The feedback we have received from you at our summer academies, institutes, graduate courses, workshops, and conferences has been tremendous. It warms our hearts to hear how Kagan Structures are transforming your classrooms. And it is reaffirming to see the school and district success stories and positive achievement data pouring in. Some of the things we hear about Kagan Structures:

- They're so easy to learn and use
- My students love Kagan Structures
- Our school's test scores have skyrocketed
- I don't have to prep as much
- I can see the impact it has on my students' self-esteem
- My students are more cooperative and respectful
- I now have tools to strengthen my students multiple intelligences
- Unnecessary grading of papers is eliminated
- Discipline problems have declined in our school
- They are so wonderful for developing thinking skills
- I can use them across the curriculum
- They work great for my grade level

We have always believed strongly in the power of Kagan Structures. It is so wonderful to hear how you are using these tools to make a difference in the lives of your students. We are humbled by the worldwide outpouring of support by teachers using the Kagan Structures.

Increasingly, schools and districts are making multi-year commitments to train all of their teachers in the Kagan Structures. In addition to our workshops, our trainers observe and coach teachers in their own classrooms. It's one thing to learn powerful ideas in a workshop, but it's quite another to have a coach in the classroom to help teachers make the greatest impact. The tremendous demand for Kagan training and coaching is keeping us very busy, but this is a labor of love.

We'd love to work with your school or district to empower your team to make learning more engaging and successful. Browse this brochure, examine the options, hear from other educators who have chosen Kagan and witness the success they've experienced. We look forward to working with you!

Your partners in making a difference,

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"Structures have revolutionized education. Structures have done for Cooperative Learning what Betty Crocker did for baking – providing steps, guidelines and ease to teaching." Beth Rogowsky, 8th grade English teacher

"This is going to change my life, my students' lives and the other teachers that I train and work with!" Jo Bowman, 1st grade teacher

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