

# LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

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## **FIRST EVER SOUTHERN VERMONT EDUCATORS SYMPOSIUM**

Manchester—On Thursday, October 22, the hallways of Maple Street School will be full of the sounds of learners---the difference being that these students are usually the teachers. A one day event, the Southern Vermont Educators Symposium seeks to bring together professionals as well as local resources to collaborate about equipping students with 21st century skills. Headlining the day will be keynote speaker Christopher Kaufman, Ph.D. Dr. Kaufman will present on executive function of the brain and will also lead several breakout sessions during the day. His and other breakout sessions will be grade-leveled to allow participants to gain age-specific information. Refreshments and lunch will provide opportunities for further collaboration with colleagues. Organizer Joy Stewart is excited to provide this level of professional sharing and learning at a local venue. Additionally, the symposium will be highly affordable for area educators since there will be no need for overnight accommodations or significant travel to the event. Many local schools are closed on this day for professional development and the hope is that Southern Vermont Educators Symposium will be a popular option as many conferences that are held on this date are in the northern part of the state. “We hope to appeal to current teachers and professors, professionals, and retirees as well as students in area college education programs,” adds Stewart. The event is being organized by a committee of educators from Maple Street School, Long Trail School, Northshire Day School, Burr and Burton Academy, and Bennington Middle School. For further information about attending or presenting at the event, the group created a wikispace: <http://southernvermonteducators.wikispaces.com/>. You can also contact Joy Stewart at Maple Street School 362-7137 or [jstewart@maplestreetschool.com](mailto:jstewart@maplestreetschool.com).