



## Executive Summary

**Inside the School** Online Seminar: *Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills for Educationally Disadvantaged Students*

### **Review research-based techniques to help eliminate the "blank stare."**

Every teacher has experienced it at one time or another, most likely on a daily basis. When you ask students open-ended question that requires critical thinking the students aren't waving their hands in the air or blurting out answers. Instead, they're looking at you with blank stares. The more you encourage your students to think, the more confused the students become and their stare just intensifies.

You are not alone dealing with the blank stare. It's not something new either; students have been giving teachers that empty look since teachers began asking them to think for themselves.

Former teacher, professor and author **Stanley Pogrow, Ed.D**, decided to try to understand why students stare when they are asked to think critically and abstractly. Over 20 years ago he developed the *Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills for Educationally Disadvantaged Students* program to explore the effects of providing an intensive conversation environment as a substitute for supplemental drill and test prep.

**Inside the School** is offering a *Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills for Educationally Disadvantaged Students* seminar to address the blank stare. Presenter Stanley Pogrow, Ed.D, will discuss how to encourage students to think beyond the obvious and move their questions and answers from recall to analysis. His research of 2,600 schools showed that with the right type of engaging and consistent conversation, the blank stares disappear and students can participate in thought-provoking discussions.

#### **About the Presenter:**

**Stanley Pogrow, Ed.D** is a professor of Educational Leadership at San Francisco State University. Pogrow is the author of five books including *Teaching Content Outrageously: How to Captivate All Students and Accelerate Learning, Grade 4-12* (Jossey-Bass, 2008). He has written more than 100 articles and has made hundreds of presentations around the country.

Pogrow earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University, an M.B.A from Bernard Baruch University and his B.S. from the City College of New York.

#### **Live Video Presentation Date/Time:**

This 75-minute video seminar will be available anytime on-demand between **September 16, 2010 and September 22, 2010**.

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