

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Rush-Henrietta Central School
District
Henrietta, New York

The Rush-Henrietta Speakers' Bureau was started in the Fall of 1998. The principals wanted to bring in speakers on parenting topics and had little or no funds to pay presenters. As a result, we began to look for "free" speakers.

Our Partnership Schools Facilitator began by meeting with the Administrative Council and the principals requesting suggestions for volunteer speakers. From this meeting, a list was generated, which gradually grew and grew. A few community professionals agreed to be added to the list as well. Information on the list included speaker names, topics, telephone numbers, and availability.

The list was sent to all principals, PTA groups, and Action Teams. Then, they made their own arrangements to bring in the speakers they would like to have at their buildings.

All speakers agreed to participate at no cost, so a budget was not necessary.

It is not possible to evaluate the success of this activity because it was only begun about six months ago. We hope to add more speakers to our list, especially community members, and to find more schools using the Speakers' Bureau.

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