



Colleen Jones, Gloria Henry and Jodi Wood participated in a visit to The Hill while at the National Staff Development Council's Conference in Washington, DC as part of NSDC's Step Up and Speak Out theme. The three represented Missouri's Staff Development Council and the Missouri Affiliates as they visited with Senator McCaskill's Legislative Counsel, Melissa Garza, regarding the inclusion of a clear definition of high quality professional development as stated by NSDC in the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind. Senator McCaskill's staff were very welcoming to MSDC, according to Henry, Executive Director, who said, "The opportunity to participate in the policy making process is very exciting! We are thrilled that NSDC arranged for their members to get involved in the dialogue which impacts how professional development is evaluated. We came out of our visit with Ms. Garza feeling like we had been heard and valued." The Missouri delegation was part of over 30 educators from around the nation who met with their respective state legislators on the Monday visit.

**Join us for a Legislative Advocacy Round Table at the Show Me Conference on Monday, March 22, from 4:00-5:15.**