

Making the numbers talk

Cathy Humphreys, co-author of *Making Number Talks Matter*, and Debbie Olson from Mathematics Educational Collaborative (MEC), led a Number Talks (NT) Institute for about 75 math educators August 1-2 at NEWESD 101.

Teachers from across the state, joined by educators from Montana, participated in the workshop. MEC received a College Spark grant supporting the institute and a future NT leadership academy. This work will continue over the next three years.



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Number Talks is an instructional approach targeting math as a problem-solving venture requiring critical thinking more than steps and procedures.

Humphreys is a 30-year math instructor and a doctoral recipient from Stanford University. Olson is a 20-year secondary/post-secondary math instructor and a former faculty member at Spokane Falls Community College.



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