ECS Q1 PD: Week 1 Welcome Transcript

Hi all. This is Gail and I'm super excited to have us all together again for our Quarter 1 ECS online PD. The quarterly sessions will build on the work we did this summer related to Units 1 and 2 and move forward to each of the additional units.

Joining me as facilitators this week will be Kirsten Peterson from EDC (our partner in the online development) as well as Sangeeta Bahtnagar and Don Yanek who facilitated sessions for some of you at CSPdWeek. Please feel free to reach out to any of us via email, phone, or in the Help Forum of the PD if you have any questions throughout the PD.

Quarter 1 will focus on Unit 3: Web Design. The PD will include many of the things that we did over the summer, including a model lesson along with lesson planning and debriefing. For this quarter, in particular, it will be important to spend some time in the first week getting to know the environment.

To begin, explore the activities in the Welcome tab, including the tutorial. This tab also includes a detailed schedule and suggested timeframes.   Although most of the work is asynchronous, it will be helpful for discussions if you are approximately on schedule.

The Plan tab includes instructions on signing up for a synchronous session during which time you and other members of your group will plan a lesson. Then, respond to the journal prompt in the Journal forum and comment on the writings of others. Finally, in this week, the Learn tab contains resources and activities that will help prepare you for the lesson planning activity.

Finally, take advantage of the Casual Chat Forum for socializing outside the regular formal sessions. To get us started, let's share what we did over the summer--other than CSPDWeek, which of course was the highlight of everyone's summer!

Looking forward to a great session of learning and collaboration!