



## Cutting Edge Broadband Technology Allows Dyer County Educators to Receive Expert Training From All Over the World

**Name:**

Dyersburg Professional Development Center

**Internet:**

[www.pcd Dyersburg.org](http://www.pcd Dyersburg.org)

**Products/Services:**

Educational training for Dyer County facilitators

**Location:**

Dyersburg/Dyer County

**Leadership:**

Danny Walden, Director

**Innovative Insight:** *“These training sessions have gone from a sit and get two-day to something much more sustainable. The relationship doesn’t end when the training ends. It can be maintained via the equipment.”*

**The Importance of**

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**The Future:** *“Families don’t have to be separated anymore. I daresay that within ten years, these systems might be common in homes.”*

**Dyersburg, TN** - Educational training in Dyer County just got a whole lot easier, thanks to broadband technology. The Dyersburg Professional Development Center (PDC) recently unveiled a new two-way Internet conferencing system that has the city of Dyersburg on the forefront of webcast technology. The system, which utilizes a high-speed, high-definition camera and connects via IP address to anywhere in the world, is bringing top-notch training from across the country to Dyersburg educators...without anyone ever having to step foot on an airplane.

In the past, educational leaders from various parts of the country have had to travel to the Dyersburg PDC for face-to-face training sessions; a process that has proven to be costly and time-consuming. Now teachers can gather in one room and receive instruction from experts across the country via the live, two-way audio and video feed. “These administrators don’t have to travel, find a hotel, rent a car, pay for food or materials; there are a lot of expenses that go out the window,” says PDC Director Danny Walden.

Now, thanks to a broadband connection, people from all over the world can connect with one another without ever leaving home. Up to five systems can be connected at once. “The beauty of broadband is that you can connect multiple sites from anywhere in the world,” says Walden.

And although groups of people come together via this system from hundreds and even thousands of miles apart, the technology is proving to bring people closer together. “These training sessions have gone from a sit and get two-day to something much more sustainable,” says Walden. “The relationship doesn’t end when the training ends. It can be maintained via the equipment.”

Now being utilized by schools, businesses and even churches, the two-way Internet conferencing system just might be the key to not only bringing large groups of people together in the future, but also connecting families that are separated by the miles. “Families don’t have to be separated anymore,” says Walden. “I daresay that within ten years, these systems might be common in homes.”

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