Building Collaborative Teams: 
Collaboration & Co-Teaching in Educational Settings

**WHEN:** Monday, October 22
**WHERE:** CMU Ballroom  615 14th St S, Moorhead, MN 56563

8:00 AM  Doors Open / Light Refreshments Served
8:30-11:30 Morning Session: Collaboration
11:30-12:15 Lunch on Your Own
12:15-2:30 Co-Teaching
2:30-2:40 Questions

**Biography of Dr. Friend:**

Marilyn Friend, Ph.D., has spent her career as a general education teacher, special education teacher, teacher educator, and staff developer. She is Professor Emerita of Education in the Department of Specialized Education Services at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and she is Past President of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of children and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

Dr. Friend has consulted with school professionals nationally and internationally as they collaborate to educate their students, assisting them to form productive and efficient work teams, learn the best ways to manage awkward or adversarial conversations, and communicate effectively with parents. She is the author/co-author of three widely used college textbooks on special education: a variety of co-teaching materials for teachers and administrators; more than 50 articles about collaboration, inclusive practices, and co-teaching; and a highly popular video series on co-teaching and other inclusive practices.

**About the Day:**

The focus of our day with Dr. Friend will be on collaboration, or teaming, in the school setting - in whatever configuration that may look like:

- a group of grade-level teachers together
- a special education teacher, general education teacher, parent, student and speech language pathologist
- a wrap-around team for a student – consisting of a social worker, school counselor, service providers and caregivers

In essence, Dr. Friend will share ideas and experiences regarding how professionals (either soon-to-be or currently practicing) working with students with varying needs and abilities in an inclusive school setting might move forward to best meet the needs of our students and families.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Friend will elaborate on collaborative practices and address co-teaching possibilities in our practice.

**PUBLIC EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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