

# Connecting the Dots In the Middle

**TAMS Annual Conference  
June 20—22, 2008  
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs**

**Featuring Key Note and Pre-Conference Speakers:**



**Jack C. Berckemeyer**

**Middle Level Education- Living it, Loving it, and Laughing about it.**

Jack's keynote is based on the foundations of National Middle School Association's *This We Believe*. Being able to connect with young adolescents is critical to the success of any educator or administrator. During the keynote presentation topics such as being committed to this age group, the importance of being an adult advocate and new methods of classroom management will be discussed. Real stories will be shared along with practical advice for teachers and administrators. Humorous experiences, classroom examples, and the importance of teaching young adolescents are the focus of this inspirational keynote that make everyone realize how important being in a middle school can be for teachers, principals, and students. Jack's presentation is sponsored by NMSA.



**Ken O'Connor**

Ken O'Connor is an educational consultant. He was formerly the Curriculum Coordinator with the Toronto District School Board in Ontario, Canada. His responsibilities included student assessment, evaluation and geography. His teaching background includes over 30 years of experience from grades 7 to 12 in six schools in Ontario and Victoria, Australia. Over the last few years, Ken has presented many assessment workshops in 32 states and seven provinces. He is one of the co-authors of a very successful resource book entitled, *Assess for Success*, published by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in 1994. He has also written a number of magazine articles on various educational issues.

*Registration materials will be available online at <http://www.tams.net> in October 2007.*