

COUNCIL OF URBAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION
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**National School Boards Association
Council of Urban Boards of Education
Site Visit, Pre-Conference and
Conference Programming
Orlando, FL**



RENAISSANCE ORLANDO RESORT AT SEA WORLD PROGRAMMING
CUBE Site Visit – Thursday, March 27
CUBE General Sessions – Friday, March 28
CUBE District Workshops and Urban Night Out at BET Soundstage – Saturday, March 29

ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER PROGRAMMING
CUBE Annual Issues Forum – Saturday, March 29
New Urban School Board Leadership Training – Sunday, March 30
Urban Advocacy Skills Building – Sunday, March 30
CUBE Member-District School Climate Results – Monday, March 31

AGENDA

Thursday, March 27, 2008

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CUBE Registration
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Prefunction

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Ballroom

Site Visit to Orange County (FL) Public Schools

Breakfast provided

8:00 a.m. – breakfast

8:30 a.m. – site visit briefing

9:15 a.m. – buses load at *Ocean Ballroom Porte Coucher* entrance

9:30 a.m. – buses depart *Ocean Ballroom Porte Coucher* entrance

12:00 p.m. – buses return to hotel

Site Visit and
Breakfast are
sponsored by:



How are the Orange County Public Schools meeting the challenges faced by larger districts? See for yourself during a visit hosted by CUBE.

Presider: *Elizabeth Daniels*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Portsmouth (VA) Public Schools

Remarks:

Ronald Blocker, Superintendent, Orange County (FL) Public Schools
Kathleen "Kat" Gordon, Board Member, Orange County (FL) Public Schools

Presenters:

James Lawson, Area Superintendent (Central Learning Community)
Judy Cunningham, Area Superintendent (Southeast Learning Community)
Jan Pratt, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction

Attendees will have the option to visit one of three schools:

Jones High School is a high school turning around. Jones' instructional program focuses on intellectual, social, and emotional development. Through an inquiry approach to curriculum and instruction, Jones High School's faculty and staff concentrate on rigorous academic development, and intellectual rigor. There is simultaneously an emphasis on embedding literacy and numeracy in content areas across the curriculum, to ensure that students develop strong comprehension skills in all subject areas. Student achievement is assessed using multiple measures to guarantee students are learning and progress is captured. Coupled with the emphasis on intellectual rigor, Jones' post-secondary education preparation includes close faculty counseling, financial aid guidance, visits to college campuses and relationships with college admissions officers, parental information, courses at local colleges and regular assessments of student performance, as well as internships and community service.

Principal: *Dr. Bridget Williams*

801 South Rio Grande Avenue, Orlando, FL 32805

Phone: 407.835.2300

Stonewall Jackson Middle School is a national demonstration school for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). AVID is a program that began in 1980 that was designed to help underachieving middle and high school students prepare for and succeed in colleges and universities. Students in the program commit themselves to improvement and preparation for college. AVID offers a rigorous program of instruction in academic "survival skills" and college level entry skills. The program now serves nearly 200,000 students in over 2,700 middle and high schools in 39 states and in the District of Columbia across 15 countries. More than 40,000 students have graduated from AVID programs and matriculated to college at a rate of 95 percent.

Principal: *Dr. Joseph Miller*

6000 Stonewall Jackson Road, Orlando, FL 32807

Phone: 407.249.6430

Oak Ridge High School is a comprehensive high school with a lot of history and opportunity. Oak Ridge High School offers three magnet programs: Aviation and Aerospace Engineering; Digital Media and Gaming; and Hotel and Lodging Management. Its overall curriculum provides rigor, relevance, and relationships through small learning communities, advanced placement courses, magnet programs, AVID, Tech-Prep, and much more. The mission of Oak Ridge High School is to provide challenging, rewarding, and relevant opportunities to produce responsible, sensitive, life-long learners who will make a positive contribution in a technological and multicultural society.

Principal: *Maxine Ripser*
6000 South Winegard Road, Orlando, FL 32809
Phone: 407.852.3200

Friday, March 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Prefunction

CUBE Registration

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Ballroom

Breakfast Buffet provided



9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Ballroom

Welcome

Steve Corona, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President,
Fort Wayne (IN) Community Schools

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Ballroom

Keynote Address

Immortality of Influence

Salome Thomas-EL, Nationally acclaimed Teacher, Author of
I Choose to Stay: A Teacher's Fight for America's Inner City Schools,
and Principal, Russell Byers Public Charter School, Philadelphia (PA)

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Ballroom

Break and Book Plate Signing by *Salome Thomas-EL*

*Mr. Thomas-EL's books will be available for purchase at the NSBA
Book Store, Orange County Convention Center, Room W208B*

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Renaissance Orlando

Crystal Ballroom E

CUBE Annual Business Meeting and Lunch

CUBE members meet to consider nominations, elect new Steering Committee members, and discuss issues of concern to the membership.

Presider: *Steve Corona*, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, Fort Wayne (IN) Community Schools

Annual Meeting Agenda

- I. Proposed CUBE Bylaws Revision
- II. 2008 CUBE Nomination Process and Steering Committee Election
Brian K. Perkins, Chair, 2008 Nominating Committee
- III. CUBE Bylaws Waiver to Allow for a Special Election
- IV. Special Recognition: *Jill Wynns, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, San Francisco (CA) Unified School District*
- V. CUBE Year in Review – *Kevin Scott, Membership Services Manager, CUBE*
- VI. Urban Education Successes and Challenges
Please come prepared to share a brief description of your district's successes and challenges.
Steve Corona, Chair, CUBE Steering Committee and Board Vice President, Ft. Wayne (IN) Community Schools
- VII. Other CUBE Business
- VIII. Adjourn

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Renaissance Orlando

Wedgewood Ballroom

General Session

Urban Public Schools: Gang Prevention and Intervention Strategies

According to the *Journal of Gang Research*, one out of every 10 public school students is not in school during an average school day. Over a third of American public schools report complaints of gang recruiting near their school. It is estimated that 12 percent of all school disciplinary problems are caused by students involved in gangs but only two-thirds of American schools have written policies against gang activity. Join this session to learn which gangs are prevalent nationally and regionally, recent trends and projections in gang activity. This dynamic, interactive session is imperative for all school board members, superintendents and school personnel working to diminish the number of students falling victim to gang recruitment techniques and methods.

Presider: *Tariq Butt*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Chicago (IL) Public Schools

Presenters:

Khaldun D. Everage, Regional Security Facilitator, Chicago (IL) Public Schools

Kathleen Bowles, Supervisor for Safe and Healthy Schools, Duval County (FL) Public Schools

CUBE's General Session refreshments are sponsored by:



Dave Friedberg, Manager of Security Services, Hillsborough County (FL) Public Schools

Marc Wilder, Detective, Hillsborough County (FL) Sheriff's Office Gang Unit

Joe Melita, Executive Director of Professional Standards & Special Investigative Unit, Broward County (FL) Public Schools

Patrick McCutcheon, Administrative Commander, School Police, Palm Beach County (FL) School District

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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CUBE Networking Reception



Saturday, March 29, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Renaissance Orlando
Wedgewood Prefunction*

CUBE Information Desk

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Renaissance Orlando

District Workshops and Continental Breakfast

Continental Breakfast provided in Wedgewood Prefunction Area



Wedgewood Ballroom

Small – size (under 30,000 enrollment)

Presider: *Evelyn Shapiro*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Isaac (AZ) School District #5

Yellowtail A

Mid – size (30,000-60,000 enrollment)

Presider: *Vilma Leake*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Charlotte-Mecklenburg (NC) Schools

Yellowtail B

Large – size (60,000 + enrollment)

Presider: *Rashidah Abdulhaqq*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Cleveland (OH) Municipal Schools

Topic: High Quality Instruction for All Students

Topic and questions are sponsored by the CUBE Racial Isolation Task Force.

The participants in this workshop will meet with school board members of similar-size districts to discuss how your district is making specific improvements to support high quality education for all students. Please come prepared to discuss these questions:

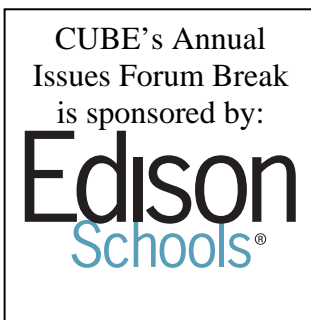
- How has the emphasis on accountability through standardized testing affected your district's curriculum and instruction? Has there been a shift to ensuring student performance on standardized tests as opposed to ensuring they acquire higher order learning and reasoning skills? Have you dropped enrichment programs?
- Are there differences in curriculum emphasis or direction according to student subgroups that fail to make adequate yearly progress for NCLB purposes?
- Has your district undertaken any comparative analysis between low performing and high performing schools within your district? If so, what differences have you found, if any, between their curricula, instructional methodologies, quality of teachers, etc.?
- What are some of the best practices your district uses to ensure that all students are provided an opportunity to acquire a high quality education?

PLEASE NOTE!!

**THE REMAINING CUBE PROGRAMMING WILL BE HELD AT THE
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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CUBE Annual Issues Forum

Effective Urban Schools, Families, and Community Engagement

Join this compelling session to discuss how model urban school districts have reframed their district's approach to family and community engagement.

Presider: *Ana Rivas Logan*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Miami-Dade County (FL) Public Schools

Presenters:

Sunny Chico, President, SPC Consulting, Chicago (IL)

Edwin C. Darden, Director of Education Policy, Appleaseed, Washington (DC)

Christopher Downing, Administrator of Parent Community Services Branch, Los Angeles (CA) Unified School District

George VanHook, Board Member, Baltimore City (MD) Public Schools

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Urban Night Out – BET Soundstage at Disney’s Pleasure Island
(*By invitation only*)

Downtown Disney Pleasure Island
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
Phone: 407.934.7781



Sunday, March 30, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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New Urban and Large-size School Board Leadership Training
Breakfast provided

Newly elected or appointed, as well as continuing urban and large-size district school board members, often struggle to define their roles. Seize this opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills as a new or a continuing school board member.

Presider: *Lock P. Beachum, Sr.*, CUBE Steering Committee Vice Chair and Board Member, Youngstown (OH) City School District

Trainer: *Terry Boyd, Ph.D.*, Board President, Columbus (OH) Public Schools

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Urban Advocacy Skills Building
Seeking New Diversity Answers

In light of the Supreme Court’s decisions regarding race-conscious student assignment plans last year, it is even more imperative for urban school board members to promote diversity in public schools and renew their commitment to equity and excellence for all students. Join this session to learn how to lead the conversation about diversity in schools and gain community support for diverse student enrollments.

Presider: *Steve Corona*, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, Fort Wayne (IN) Community Schools

Presenter: *Anurima Bhargava*, Director of the Education Group, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (NY)

Monday, March 31, 2008

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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CUBE School Climate III/ Parent Survey

CUBE's school climate project has produced two studies focused on the perceptions of urban students and teachers and administrators about their school and learning environment. In the third phase of this project, CUBE surveyed the perceptions of school climate held by the parents and guardians of students in the urban context. Join this important session to hear the results of this school climate series.

Presider: *Carol Coen*, CUBE Urban Student Achievement Task Force Executive Group Co-Chair and Board Member, Fort Wayne (IN) Community Schools

Presenter: *Brian K. Perkins*, CUBE Steering Committee Immediate Past Chair and Board President, New Haven (CT) Public Schools

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CUBE Issues Seminar

June 19-22, 2008

Four Seasons Hotel

Miami, FL

Register early!! The hotel will sell out quickly.

For additional information, visit

www.nsba.org/cube or e-mail cube@nsba.org.