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2009 CUBE Issues Seminar *Urban Reforms Shaping Federal Education Policy*

June 25-28, 2009
The Drake Hotel
140 East Walton Place
Chicago, IL 60611

Agenda

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Thursday, June 25, 2009

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
French Foyer South

Registration

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Walton Room

Buffet lunch will be provided

CUBE's Leadership Training Buffet Luncheon is sponsored by:



12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Walton Room

Leadership Training and Luncheon Preparing Principal Leaders for Academic Success in Urban Schools

Since its inception in 2000, New Leaders for New Schools has attracted, prepared, and supported outstanding individuals to become the next generation of school leaders in response to the immense need for exceptional principals in our nation's urban public schools. New Leaders for New Schools has partnered with a number of our CUBE school districts, including Chicago, Charlotte, Memphis, Milwaukee, Prince George's County, MD, and New Orleans in this critical endeavor. Take advantage of this school board professional

development opportunity and learn about the success of New Leaders for New Schools, as well as share your perspective on the great need for developing principal leaders for urban schools.

President: *Sandy Jensen*, CUBE Vice Chair and Board President, Omaha (NE) Public Schools

New Leaders for New Schools Staff:

Stephanie Fitzgerald, Co-National Director of School Performance Support Development

Jackie Gran, National Director of Growth and Policy

Michael Gross, National Director, Strategic Partnerships Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC)

Helen Dixon, National Director of Recruitment

Gwendolyn Lee, Chicago Leadership Coach

Chicago (IL) Public Schools New Leaders Principals:

Fernando Kim

Veronica Thompson

Toni Hill

Friday, June 26, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

French Foyer South

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

Registration

Breakfast Buffet will be provided

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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

Welcome Remarks

Lock P. Beachum, Sr., CUBE Chair and Board Vice President, Youngstown (OH) City School District

Clarence H. "Sonny" Savoie, NSBA President and Board Member, St. Charles Parish (LA) Public Schools

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Grand Ballroom



Keynote Address by Greg Darnieder and Breakfast

Greg Darnieder, the longtime head of the Chicago Public Schools Office of College and Careers, is the special assistant on college access to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. While at CPS, he was credited with establishing a relationship with the National Student Clearinghouse that provided the district with specific information on college enrollment for CPS graduates. He also implemented a pilot program that put college coaches into high schools, with the sole job of boosting college enrollment.

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

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

General Session

An Economic Overview and Financial Market Implications for Urban School Districts

A struggling economy is making its presence felt for school districts across the country and many school boards are finding creative ways to finance new school reforms. Join this timely session to discuss how urban school districts are responding to the nation's economic downturn while addressing achievement and opportunity gaps.

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

Presenter: *Steven Biedermann*, Portfolio Manager, Bureau of Treasury, Chicago (IL) Public Schools

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Drake Room

Buffet lunch will be provided

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12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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CUBE Advocacy Briefing and Lunch

Is there a New Federal Role in Education?

CUBE members will learn how the new Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, defines the Federal role in education, and receive updates on new and pending education legislation.

Presider: *Steve Corona*, CUBE Immediate Past Chair and Board Member, Fort Wayne Community Schools

Presenter: *Reginald Felton*, NSBA Director, Federal Relations, Advocacy and Issues Management, Alexandria (VA)

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

General Session

Urban School Reforms that Support English Language Learners (ELL)

This session is hosted by the CUBE Urban Student Achievement Task Force.

Learn about the challenges faced by ELL students in urban school settings, and how current research supports reforms that improve the academic performance of these often underserved students.

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

Presenter: *Diane H. Zendejas*, Officer, Office of Language and Cultural Education, Chicago (IL) Public Schools

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

General Session

A Focus on Chicago School Reforms

Chicago Public Schools is constantly striving for ways to improve schools. Through Renaissance 2010 and High School Transformation, CPS is developing innovative programs to benefit students, teachers, and the community. Attend this session and learn about key successful Chicago reforms and discover the potential national implications for all schools.

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

Presenters from Chicago (IL) Public Schools:

Jaime Guzmán, Director of External Relations, Office of New Schools

Michael Lach, Officer of High School Teaching and Learning

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Venetian Room

CUBE Networking Reception

Saturday, June 27, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
French Foyer South

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Breakfast Buffet will be provided

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

**General Session and Breakfast
The Role of Advanced Placement and International
Baccalaureate in Urban School Reform**

A growing number of urban school districts offer Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and dual credit programs. Implementing, expanding, and supporting high-quality advanced study programs require resources that some school districts have difficulty providing. How are school districts effectively sustaining and expanding advanced study options to provide maximum access to the diverse populations they serve? The Austin Independent School District Offers a number of advanced level programs and has supported the expansion of the programs through policy, structures and efficient use of resources. A decade of Austin Independent School District's development and challenges will be the focus of this session.

Presider: *Susan Valdes*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Hillsborough County (FL) School District

Presenters from Austin (TX) Independent School District:
Cheryl Bradley, Trustee
Karen Dulaney Smith, Trustee
Jim Granada, Director, Department of Advanced Academic Services

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Break

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Workshops (by student enrollment)
Topic: Ensuring Access to AP and IB or Other Advanced Study Programs for Underrepresented Students
Topic and questions are hosted by the CUBE Racial Isolation Task Force. Join this discussion to share the challenges your district confronts in providing access to advanced placement courses, and learn how some urban school districts have provided greater numbers of underrepresented students the opportunity to reap the benefits of the AP and IB challenge.

Large-Size Urban Districts (60,000 and over)

Location: Astor Room

President: *Sandra Smith-Jones*, CUBE Steering Committee and Board Member, Virginia Beach (VA) Public Schools

Mid-Size Urban Districts (30,000-60,000)

Location: Georgian Room

President: *Minnie Forte-Brown*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Durham (NC) Public Schools

Small-Size Urban Districts (under 30,000)

Location: Venetian Room

President: *Pierre V. Cooper*, CUBE Steering Committee and Board Member, Reading (PA) School District

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Drake Room

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Remarks

Lock P. Beachum, Sr., CUBE Chair and Board Vice President, Youngstown (OH) City School District
Anne Bryant, NSBA Executive Director, Alexandria (VA)

11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Drake Room



Keynote Luncheon by Vicki Phillips

Vicki Phillips, has committed her career to increasing educational opportunities for young people. Prior to joining the foundation, she was superintendent of Portland Public Schools in Portland, Oregon. Before her move to Oregon, Phillips was secretary of education and chief state school officer for the state of Pennsylvania and served as superintendent of the Lancaster, Pa., school district. She has worked with the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, D.C., and has been a middle and high school teacher.

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Break

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

General Session

CUBE Conversation on Race

This session is hosted by the CUBE Racial Isolation Task Force.
This timely session is designed to help school board members understand the policy process for student assignment plans and other race based decision-making, the implications of the

Seattle/Louisville case on that process, and the options that school boards still have under the current law.

Presider: *Pierre V. Cooper*, CUBE Steering Committee and Board Member, Reading (PA) School District

Presenters:

Francisco Negrón, NSBA General Counsel, Associate Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, Alexandria (VA)

Art Coleman, Co-managing Partner, Education Counsel LLP, Washington (DC)

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

General Session

The Permanent Campaign

This session is hosted by the CUBE Communications Task Force.

Join this session to learn how school districts are cutting through the sound bites and getting the community on board with its goals.

Presider: *Minnie Forte-Brown*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Durham (NC) Public Schools

Presenter: *Terry Abbott*, Chairman, Drive West Communications (TX)

Sunday, June 28, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

French Foyer South

CUBE Information Desk

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

Buffet Breakfast will be served.

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Grand Ballroom



Keynote Address by Paul Vallas and Breakfast

When *Paul G. Vallas* became superintendent of the Recovery School District (RSD) in May 2007, he promised to transform the learning environment and raise expectations in the district, which oversees most of the public schools in New Orleans. He is implementing sweeping district-wide reforms in the RSD, duplicating many of the initiatives that turned the school systems of Philadelphia and Chicago into nationally recognized models for education reform.

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

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Lock P. Beachum, Sr., CUBE Chair and Board Vice President, Youngstown (OH) City School District

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