



COUNCIL OF URBAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION
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National School Boards Association
Council of Urban Boards of Education Programming
NSBA 70th Annual Conference
The Palmer House Hilton Hotel
17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603
April 9-11, 2010



PALMER HOUSE HILTON (CUBE) PROGRAMMING

CUBE School Site Visits, Pre-Conference Urban Programming & District Workshops – Friday, April 9

MCCORMICK PLACE CONVENTION CENTER (CUBE) PROGRAMMING

CUBE Annual Business Meeting – Saturday, April 10

CUBE Annual Issues Forum – Saturday, April 10

New Urban and Large-size School Board Leadership Training – Sunday, April 11

Urban Advocacy Skills Building – Sunday, April 11

AGENDA

Times and locations subject to change

Thursday, April 8, 2010

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Palmer House Hilton
Registration Bays 1-4,
4th Fl.*

CUBE Early-bird Registration

Attention CUBE Members--You may only pick up your registration packet at the Palmer House Hilton if you are registered for CUBE pre-conference programming at the 70th NSBA Annual Conference. Please refer to you conference registration confirmation letter to ensure that you are registered for CUBE programming in addition to the full conference.

Friday, April 9, 2010

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Palmer House Hilton
Registration Bays 1-4,
4th Fl.*

CUBE Registration

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Palmer House Hilton
Monroe Ballroom, 6th Fl.

School Site Briefing and Visit to Chicago Public Schools

Continental Breakfast provided at 7:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – breakfast
8:15 a.m. – welcome remarks
8:30 a.m. – site visit briefing
9:45 a.m. – buses load at the Wabash Street Entrance (Street Level)
10:00 a.m. – buses depart for schools
11:45 a.m. – buses depart schools
Noon – buses return to Palmer House Hilton

Visit Chicago Public Schools and see how they are meeting the challenges faced by larger districts.

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

Presenter: *Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins*, Chief Education Officer, Chicago (IL) Public Schools

Attendees will have the option to visit one of three schools:
Photos are prohibited from being taken at school sites.

NOTE! If you have a specific preference for one of the following school sites, please arrive at the buses early to secure a seat on the bus for your preferred school site visit. When each bus is filled to capacity (approximately 50 registrants per bus, first come-first serve) participants will have to select from the other site visit choices. The buses will stage for loading at the Wabash Street Entrance (Street Level) of the Palmer House Hilton.

Urban Prep Academy for Young Men is a nonprofit organization that operates a network of all-boys public schools including the country's first charter high school for boys. Urban Prep's mission is to provide a high-quality and comprehensive college-preparatory educational experience to young men that result in our graduates succeeding in college. The schools are a direct response to the urgent need to reverse abysmal graduation and college completion rates among boys in urban centers. While most of Urban Prep students come to the schools from economically disadvantaged households and reading 3 or more years below grade level, Urban Prep remains committed to preparing all of its students for college and life.

Co-Principals: *Benjamin Blakeley and Dennis Lacewell*
6201 S. Stewart Avenue, Chicago, IL 60621
Phone: 773.535.9724

University of Chicago Charter School-North

Kenwood/Oakland Elementary Campus is one of the University of Chicago Charter Schools' four public school campuses. The University of Chicago Charter School was founded in 1998, when the University established the North Kenwood/Oakland campus. The elementary school educates children from prekindergarten to grade five and is committed to challenging all students to excel academically in an environment where they are safe and respected. They develop a deep understanding of children's academic abilities through a variety of assessment instruments and targeted instruction to meet their needs. Students experience whole class, small group and one-to-one instruction, as well as academic supports during and after school.

North Kenwood/Oakland, along with the three other University of Chicago Charter School campuses offer students and families a pathway to college that begins with prekindergarten and continues through high school.

Director: *Tanika Island-Smith*
1119 E. 46th Street, Chicago, IL 60653
Phone: 773.536.2399

North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School-Christiana Campus' (NLCP) mission is to prepare young people from under-resourced communities for graduation from high school with the academic skills and personal resilience necessary for successful completion of college. NLCP opened in 1998 to meet a pressing community need of creating a neighborhood high school that provides an academically rigorous, yet socially and emotionally supportive, small school environment with personalized support for students enrolled in grades 9-12. NLCP opened a second campus, the Collins Campus, in 2007. The school operates under a 2 campuses-1 school model. The same curriculum and extracurricular activities are offered at each campus. NLCP assigns an advisor to each incoming group of freshmen at each campus. The advisor stays with that group for the four years at NLCP and through their first year of college. This strategy pays huge dividends as we help the graduates – many of them the first in their family to go to college – make the difficult transition to college

Director: *Nicole Howard*
1616 South Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623
Phone: 773.542.1490

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
*Palmer House Hilton
Grand Ballroom, 4th Fl.*



Welcome Remarks

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

CUBE's Keynote Luncheon has been generously sponsored by:



12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*Palmer House Hilton
Grand Ballroom, 4th Fl.*



**Keynote Address by Marc Lamont Hill and Luncheon
Leading, Loving and Learning with the Hip Hop Generation**

Marc Lamont Hill is an associate professor of English education and anthropology at Columbia University. Hill's academic research focuses on the intersections between youth culture, identity, and educational processes.

Hill is one of America's leading hip-hop generation intellectuals. His work has appeared in numerous journals, magazines, books, and anthologies. Hill is an award-winning newspaper columnist and blogger, and his writing can be found in Metro Newspapers, TheRoot.com, and BarbershopNotebooks.com. He also is a political contributor for Fox News Channel. Prior to joining Fox News, Hill was a regular guest on CNN, MSNBC, and CourtTV.

Since his days as a youth in Philadelphia, Hill has been a social justice activist and organizer. He is a founding board member of My5th, a non-profit organization devoted to educating youth about their legal rights and responsibilities. In 2001, he started a high school literacy project, using hip-hop culture to increase school engagement and reading skills. He also continues to organize and teach adult literacy courses for high school dropouts in Philadelphia and Camden.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
*Palmer House Hilton
West Lounge, 4th Fl.*

Book Signing with Marc Lamont Hill and Break

*Mr. Hill's book "Beats, Rhymes, and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop Pedagogy and the Politics of Identity" will be available for purchase using **credit card only** during this book signing. Copies of his book will also be available at the NSBA Bookstore located in the McCormick Place Convention Center, Hall F1 Foyer.*

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Palmer House Hilton
Grand Ballroom, 4th Fl.*

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General Session: The Realities and Challenges of Charter School Reform

Urban school board members are closely monitoring the national debate over the promise and limitations of charter schools and their impact on school systems. The U.S. Department of Education is strongly promoting charter schools as a reform model, while calling for greater charter accountability. Join this session and discuss how school districts are handling their relationships with charter schools, authorizing and oversight responsibilities, engaging in policy debates over the role of charter schools, and considering the potential for traditional schools to benefit from the experience of charter schools.

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

Presenter: *Thomas E. M. Hutton*, Attorney, Patterson Buchanan Fobes Leitch & Kalzer, Inc., P.S., Seattle (WA)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

District Workshops

Topic: Charter Schools

Topic and questions are hosted by the CUBE Governance & Training Task Force.

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

Location: Crystal Room, 3rd Floor

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

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

Location: Adams Room, 6th Floor

Presider: *Harium Martin-Morris*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Seattle (WA) Public Schools

Small-Size Urban Districts (under 30,000)

Location: Monroe Room, 6th Floor

Presider: *Norma Muñoz*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Roosevelt Elementary School District #66, Phoenix (AZ)

With the pressure the Obama administration is putting on states and local districts to embrace charter schools as part of the "reform" movement in education, many CUBE districts are becoming a focal point for this educational reform.

Please come prepared to discuss the following questions – it may be helpful for you to consult with your district’s central office staff prior to arriving in Chicago.

1. Does your state have a charter law? If yes, do school boards in your state oversee charter schools? If no, has your board adopted a charter initiative absent a state law? Does your state and/or local board have a policy addressing charter schools? What is the process for applying for charter schools in your district?
2. If your state has a charter law, is your state amending it to remove the cap or increase the number of charters allowed in your state?
3. How have charters changed the way your district operates? Are parents changing the way they view your district because of charters?
4. What are the benefits to charter schools in your district? The drawbacks?
5. What message would you want policy makers in your state or in Washington to hear about charter schools?

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
*Palmer House Hilton
Honore Ballroom,
Lower Lobby Level*

CUBE Networking Reception

*CUBE’s Networking Reception has been generously
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**THE REMAINDER OF CUBE PROGRAMMING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
MCCORMICK CONVENTION CENTER, WEST HALL, ROOM W175 B-C**

Saturday, April 10, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

*McCormick Place
West Hall, W 175 B-C*

CUBE's Annual Business Meeting breakfast buffet has been generously sponsored by:



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CUBE Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast

CUBE districts meet to consider nominations, elect new Steering Committee members, and discuss issues of concern to the membership. CUBE, as well as non-CUBE registrants, are encouraged to attend to learn more about CUBE and to hear reports from the nation's major urban districts about student achievement progress.

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

Annual Business Meeting Agenda

- I. 2010 CUBE Nomination Process and Steering Committee Election
Steve Corona, Chair, 2010 CUBE Nominating Committee
- II. CUBE Year In Review
Kevin Scott, Membership Services Manager, CUBE
- III. Membership Reports
- IV. Service Recognition
Ana Rivas Logan, Miami-Dade County (FL) Public Schools
- V. Other CUBE Business
- VI. Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*McCormick Place
West Hall, W 175 B-C*

SPECIAL SESSION FOR CUBE DISTRICTS ONLY

Innovation in Learning: Personalization. Pedagogy. Policy.

Buffet Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m.

Join Apple for a substantive exploration of innovation and its influence on students (personalization), instruction (pedagogy), and system change (policy). Today's consumer technologies can empower learning - and learners - in ways never before conceived. Doing so means recalibrating expectations of instruction and achievement. Touch the technologies and touch upon their implications for system wide leadership and change.

Presenters will include members of Apple's senior education team and student "mobile learning experts" from the nearby Chicago area. The workshop promises to be engaging, interactive, insightful, and a lot of fun! Attendance is limited to maximize the experience!

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

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*McCormick Place
West Hall, W 175 B-C*

*CUBE's Annual Issues
Forum afternoon break has
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CUBE Annual Issues Forum -- Educating Black Male Students
(This session is open to all NSBA Annual Conference attendees)

America's schools systematically fail to educate Black male students as well as they educate other students. In many school districts throughout the United States, Black males are more likely than any other group to be suspended and expelled from school. Black males are more likely to be placed in special education and more likely to be absent from advanced placement and honors courses. Join this session and learn how it is possible for schools to take actions that can bring about the substantive changes needed to provide Black male students the opportunity to learn and succeed.

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

Presenter: *Dr. John H. Jackson*, President and CEO, The Schott Foundation for Public Education

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Urban Night Out (By invitation only)

***W Chicago-Lakeshore
Altitude Ballroom, 33rd Floor
644 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 943-9200***

6-8 p.m. - Heavy hors d'oeuvres
6-9 p.m. - Open Bar
6:45 p.m. - Welcome Remarks

Beginning at **5:30 p.m.** transportation to/from the event will be provided **every 15 minutes** from the following locations:

- Palmer House Hilton (*Wabash Street Entrance-Street Level*)
- Hilton Chicago (*8th Street Entrance*)
- Intercontinental Chicago (*Upper Illinois Street Entrance*)
- The Drake Hotel (*Oak Street Entrance*)

CUBE's Urban Night Out has been generously sponsored by:



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Sunday, April 11, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

*McCormick Place
West Hall, W 175 B-C*

New Urban and Large-size School Board Leadership Training

(This session is open to all NSBA Annual Conference attendees)

Continental 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: *Van Henri White*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Rochester (NY) City School District

Trainer: *Terry Boyd, Ph.D.*, Associate Dean, College of Business, Franklin University (OH)

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*McCormick Place
West Hall, W 175 B-C*

CUBE Urban Advocacy Skills Building -- Community Schools

(This session is open to all NSBA Annual Conference attendees)

Using public schools as centers of community, school boards can bring together many partners to offer a range of support and opportunities to children, youth, families and communities. This approach is a high priority for U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and is embedded in many aspects of new Department of Education American Recovery and Reinvestment Act guidelines. Join CUBE and learn how school board members can lead these partnerships and prepare all students to learn and achieve high standards.

Presider: *Katherine P. Mitchell*, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Little Rock (AR) School District

Presenters:

Martin J. Blank, President, Institute for Educational Leadership and Director, Coalition for Community Schools

Eve Bolton, Board Member, Board of Education, Cincinnati (OH) City School District

Kathy Danek, Board President, Board of Education, Lincoln (NE) Public Schools

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

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