



CUBE Issues Forum Agenda

Council of Urban Boards of Education
Pre-FRN Issues Forum
Constitution C/D/E Room

Grand Hyatt Hotel
Washington, DC
2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 27, 2007

- 2:00 p.m. *Welcome Remarks & Introductions*
Dr. Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair
and Board President, New Haven Public School District, New Haven, CT
- David W. Saba, President, American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, Washington, DC*
- 2:15 p.m. *Urban School Board Governance: Nationwide Challenges*
Reverend Carolyn Graham, Board Member
District of Columbia Board of Education, Washington, DC
- The effectiveness of the increasingly popular, yet unproven, mayoral takeover of urban public schools systems will be discussed in light of the most recent effort to remove the governance power of the public school board in Washington, DC. This session will also provide updates on state and mayoral takeover attempts in Omaha, NE and Los Angeles, CA.
- 2:45 p.m. *The DREAM Act – An Advocacy Discussion*
The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, legislation that addresses the challenge young people, who have been raised in the U.S. and have graduated from U.S. high schools but cannot pursue higher education because of barriers posed by current immigration laws, face.
Josh Bernstein, Director, Federal Policy, National Immigration Law Center
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. *NSBA Backs Seattle, Jefferson County School Districts in Case Before Supreme Court to Permit Using Race as One Factor in Student Assignment*
Courts have played a pivotal role in desegregating the public schools since the 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering two cases that challenge voluntary school-integration programs in Seattle, WA and Louisville, KY – programs that use race as a factor in assigning their children to public schools. Join this

session to hear a forecast of how the court may rule and learn the implications for urban and large school districts.

Francisco Negrón, NSBA General Counsel

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Dr. Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair

5:30 p.m.

CUBE Reception (*for CUBE Issues Forum Registrants, by invitation only. If you did not receive your invitation, please see the reception desk for details.*)

The Occidental Restaurant

1475 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC

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The Gallery Room

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bus service will be provided from the Grand Hyatt Hotel

Buses depart from the Grand Hyatt Hotel at the 11th Street exit.

Buses will be departing at 5:15, 5:30 and 5:45. Buses will return from the Occidental at 7:00, 7:15 and 7:30.

CUBE would like to thank our sponsor American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), for today's CUBE Issues Forum refreshments and for sponsorship of the CUBE Reception at the Occidental Grill. Be sure to thank them!

