



**National School Boards Association  
Council of Urban Boards of Education  
Site Visit, Pre-Conference and  
Conference Programming  
San Francisco, CA**



Pre-Conference Site Visit – Thursday, April 12  
Pre-Conference Programming – Friday and Saturday, April 13-14  
District Workshops, Annual Issues Forum and Urban Night Out – Saturday, April 14  
New Urban School Board Leadership Training, Sunday, April 15  
Urban Advocacy Skills Building – Sunday, April 15  
CUBE Annual Award: Meet the Winners, Monday, April 16  
CUBE Member-District School Climate Results – Monday, April 16

**Agenda**

*(Times and locations are subject to change)*

**Thursday, April 12, 2007**

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
*West Lounge*

CUBE Registration

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
*Buses depart from  
Hilton San Francisco  
Street Entrance*

**Site Visit to San Francisco Unified School District Public Schools**  
*Breakfast provided*

8:00 a.m. – breakfast  
8:30 a.m. – site visit briefing  
9:15 a.m. – buses load  
9:30 a.m. – buses depart  
12:00 p.m. – buses return to hotel

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How is the San Francisco Unified School District meeting the challenges faced by larger districts? See for yourself during a visit hosted by CUBE Chair Brian K. Perkins, New Haven (CT) Public Schools.

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

**Balboa High School** is a college preparatory high school. All instruction is organized through small learning communities so that each student is able to build powerful relationships with teachers while engaged in

rigorous academic, artistic, and athletic pursuits. Small learning communities have a strong academic focus combined with an emphasis on service learning and career and college exploration.

Principal: Patricia Gray  
1000 Cayuga Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112  
Phone: 415-469-4090

**John O'Connell High School of Technology** is implementing career pathways to prepare students to meet the academic and technical challenges of the future. The pathways provide students with opportunities to seek satisfying employment and to further their education goals. Students participate in project-based and work-based learning activities and demonstrate their knowledge through technology-related projects and exhibits of their work.

Principal: Janet Schulze  
2355 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94110  
Phone: 415-695-5370

**Paul Revere Elementary School** is building a supportive and challenging environment so that each student is able to set and accomplish rigorous learning goals. Student growth is measured using standardized test scores as well as authentic assessments in the classroom, and activities are planned to address social skill areas and community responsibility. This school houses San Francisco's Preschool for All Initiative to provide high-quality preschool available to all 4-year-old children.

Principal: Lance Tagomori  
555 Thompkins Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110  
Phone: (415) 695-5656

**Friday, April 13, 2007**

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
West Lounge*

CUBE Registration

8:30 a.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom A*

Breakfast Buffet Provided

9:00 a.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom A*

**Welcome**

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair  
and Board President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*

9:15 a.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom A*

**Keynote Address**

*General Session and Keynote Address  
Carlos Muñoz, Jr., Educator, Author, Activist*

Dr. Muñoz is one of the most distinguished Latino scholars in the nation, He has spoken extensively on issues of social justice including ethnic and racial politics, multiculturalism, immigration, and affirmative action. Dr. Muñoz has been honored as one of 28 1960's civil rights activists who accomplished extraordinary deeds that changed the face of the nation and gave birth to the modern civil rights movement. An eminent scholar, Dr. Muñoz is the author of numerous works on the Mexican American political experience and on African American and Latino political coalitions. He currently serves as Professor Emeritus, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkley.

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom A*

**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:

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board  
President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

- I. 2007 CUBE Nomination Process and Introduction of the 2007 Nominees & Candidates Running from the Floor  
*Jill Wynns, Chair, San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco, CA*
- II. CUBE Membership 2007 Steering Committee Election:  
– Each CUBE member district will select up to five candidates to fill the five open seats on the CUBE Steering Committee. The top five vote receivers will be seated. Only one vote cast per member district.
- III. CUBE Year in Review  
– *Steve Corona, CUBE Steering Committee Vice Chair and Board Member, Ft. Wayne Community Schools, Ft. Wayne, IN*
- IV. Other CUBE Business
- V. Elections Results Announced
- VI. Adjourn

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom B*

**Concurrent General Sessions –**

Choose From Session I or II below:

**Session I -- School Bus Transportation – At a Critical Crossroads**

Student transportation is an important and complex school-support activity and many urban school districts are challenged as this function becomes an increasingly expensive venture. At a time when state budgets are less and less available to cover shortfalls caused by increased

school choice and new federal environmental and safety standards will increase the cost of buses, school boards must find creative ways to retain funds for student transportation in the midst of budget cuts and other financial demands. Join this important session and learn from urban school districts that have chosen different approaches to dramatically cutting or eliminating student transportation funds.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Plaza A*

## **Session II -- Portable Classroom Safety**

Portable classrooms, once considered temporary, have become a permanent part of schools. Growth and budget crunches are among the reasons that have made modular classrooms indispensable in many urban school districts. The effect on student health and achievement due to structural problems and air quality are two of the biggest concerns facing schools on modular classrooms. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools (NC) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MD) are two districts that are addressing older portable classrooms. This session will highlight their success in testing, evaluating, and creating action plans to remove or improve portables to create healthier learning environments for children.

2:45 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
Imperial Ballroom A*

General Session

### ***Evolving Role of Urban School Counselors and the Achievement Gap***

Join this session to learn about efforts to change our traditional mindset about the role of school counselors in the urban setting, and learn how counselors are making a critical difference by becoming change agents and advocates in urban schools. This session explores how school counselors can help decrease achievement gaps and foster social justice and equity for all students.

4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.

*Hilton San Francisco*

Briefing

### ***Diverse School Enrollment and Student Achievement***

This informative session will explore the educational consequences of the racial segregation that remains in schools today and how efforts to create diverse enrollments in schools may help address them.

Participants will discuss the results of a new study that analyzes test score information reported by 22,000 schools across the country under NCLB. The results confirm that minority students learn more in integrated schools at little financial cost or negative effect on their white peers. Come hear how controlled choice plans are crucial to promoting the moral and educational imperatives of closing the achievement gap. This briefing is sponsored by CUBE's Racial Isolation Task Force Executive Group.

Presenter:

***Douglas N. Harris***, Assistant Professor of Educational Policy Studies  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
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## CUBE Networking Reception

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### **Saturday, April 14, 2007**

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Hilton San Francisco  
West Lounge

## CUBE Information Desk

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Hilton San Francisco

## **District Workshops**

*Continental Breakfast provided in each room*

*Imperial Ballroom B*

Small – size (under 30,000 enrollment)

*Plaza A*

Mid – size (30,000-60,000 enrollment)

*Imperial Ballroom A*

Large – size (60,000 + enrollment)

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## **Topic: Cultural Competence & Diversity Factors in Urban Parental Involvement: Why Does It Matter?**

*This session is jointly sponsored by CUBE's Urban Student Achievement Task Force and Racial Isolation Task Force Executive Groups.*

Parents are an integral part of the school community and research shows that when they are involved in their children's education, achievement improves. Family variables such as ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and parenting style affect the nature and degree of involvement. What is your district doing to address the issue of parental involvement, and is your district reaching out to parents who are representative of the growing student diversity of urban schools? Join CUBE's district workshops to share what your district is doing to involve parents in school and learn new ideas from other urban districts.

**NOTE!! THE REMAINING CUBE PROGRAMMING WILL BE HELD AT THE MOSCONE CONVENTION CENTER**

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MOSCONE CENTER  
ROOM 220

**CUBE Annual Issues Forum**

*Effective Parent Engagement Programs*

Experience shows that when parents become more involved in their children's education, the children experience greater success and increased achievement, develop a sense of pride, self-esteem, and self-discipline, are more likely to enter college, become better school citizens, and have positive attitudes toward school and the future. Join this important session as CUBE explores unique approaches to involving parents from a diversity of backgrounds. Learn from districts that have successfully engaged parents and have data to share to support their success.

Presider:

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Urban Night Out** – Jillian's (*By invitation only. If you did not receive an invitation, please see the CUBE registration desk.*)

URBAN NIGHT OUT IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY  
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**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Hilton San Francisco  
West Lounge*

CUBE Information Desk

8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MOSCONE CENTER  
ROOM 131

**New Urban and Large-size School Board Leadership Training**

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 Member and Board Member, Youngstown City School District, Youngstown, OH*

Trainer: *Terry Boyd, Board Member, Columbus Public Schools, Columbus, OH*

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MOSCONE CENTER  
ROOM 220

### **Urban Advocacy Skills Building**

*Municipal Government and Mayoral Partnerships in Support of Public Education*

There is a strong connection between schools and their communities. Schools and children need civic and government leaders to leverage their unique positions in strategic ways to build support for public schools. Join this session to discuss practical approaches that support successful collaboration in urban communities.

Presider:

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*

### **Monday, April 16, 2007**

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MOSCONE CENTER  
ROOM 132

### **CUBE Annual Award: Meet the Winners**

Meet the 2006 CUBE Annual Award for Urban School Board Excellence recipient, the School Board of the City of Norfolk, and finalists, Houston Independent School District Board of Education and the School Board of Miami-Dade County. Learn how their districts are addressing the governance and educational challenges of today.

Presider:

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

NOTE: THIS SESSION  
WILL BE HELD AT THE  
MOSCONE CENTER  
ROOM 132

### **CUBE School Climate II/Teacher and Administrator Survey**

In 2006 CUBE released a national school climate study in which more than 32,000 students from 108 urban schools answered questions about safety, bullying, racial self-concept, trust, respect, caring, and general climate. Now CUBE has completed the second phase of this project to include teachers and administrators. Join us to learn what teachers and administrators think about these themes in addition to student expectations, professional development, and the general school climate.

Presider:

*Warren Hayman, CUBE Urban Student Achievement Task Force Co-chair, CUBE Steering Committee Member and Board Member, Baltimore County School District, Towson, MD*

Presenters:

*Brian K. Perkins, CUBE Steering Committee Chair and Board President, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT*