Reforming High Schools:
Tools to Help Promote Change

**A free, one-day conference for school administrators**

**Date:**
Friday, April 24, 2009

**Time:**
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Location:**
Princeton University

**WHAT:**
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**WHERE:**
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

**Panelists:**
Joseph DiMartino, Center for Secondary School Redesign; Marutha Fous, Director of Research, New York Performance Standards Consortium; Naresh Houseman, Executive Director, High School Reform Policy and Research, School District of Philadelphia; James Kemple, Executive Director, Research Alliance for New York City Schools; Nettie Legters, Research Scientist, Johns Hopkins University, Center for Social Organization of Schools, and Co-Directors: Talent Development High Schools; Becky A. Smerdon Ph.D., Principal Investigator, U.S. Education and Workforce Policy Research, Social Service Administration, The School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago; Mary Ann Pitcher, Project Director, Network for College Success, the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago; Melissa Federick, Harvey Olin Professor of Public Affairs, University of Chicago; John Wybl, Director, Teacher Preparation Program, Princeton University; Thomas Wilcox, Principal Partner, Cates Ltd., Performance Based Inquiry

**Keynote Speaker:**
Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent, Austin Independent School District

**Getting to the Conference...**

**Directions to Princeton, NJ by Car**

- From the New Jersey Turnpike heading South - Take Exit 9 (New Brunswick) and follow signs for Trenton (Route 18 North, then Route 1 South). Take the first right after toll booths, up the ramp and onto 18 North. Immediately, shift to lane two from left and, less than half a mile from entry point, take left (over Route 1 overpass). Stay on right lane—the exit to Route 1 South is on the right just before the far right exit to Princeton, about 15 miles. Turn right onto Washington Road/Route 571 West and follow into Princeton. **Turn right at the first traffic light onto Faculty Road.** Follow less than one mile to the first left onto Raintop Road. The parking lot will be immediately on the left, take the first CR8 second left to enter and park in the areas that are NOT designated for decal parking. The East Line shuttle departures approximately from the covered front stop area near the football field. Please visit www.princeton.edu/transportation/tigertransit.html for route times and a campus map.

- From the New Jersey Turnpike heading North - Take Exit 8 (Highstown), and follow signs to Route 133/Princeton. Take Route 133 to end and exit onto Route 571 West, following straight across Route 3 and into Princeton. Follow from 133 above for parking.

- From Interstate 95 North or South - Exit at Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North and exit at Alexander Road, making a left onto Alexander Road. Follow this road into Princeton. Turn right onto Faculty Road (traffic light; gas station) and follow the first exit off the circle to stay on Faculty Road. Stay in right lane to go through traffic light (Washington Road) and follow from 13 above.

**Note:** Detailed instructions for driving to Princeton are also available by telephone. For a recorded message, call 609-258-2222 using a touch-tone telephone.

**Parking Instructions for Traveling by Train or Bus**

- For more information, please contact Lisa Markman at (609) 258-4047 or visit www.futureschools.princeton.edu/highschools

**Parking at Princeton University**

Parking is available on-campus ONLY to attendees who have pre-registered. Visitors should park in areas marked for visitors. This parking pass must be displayed in the vehicle windshield.

A campus shuttle runs continuously, visit www.princeton.edu/transportation/tigertransit.html for information about the East Line shuttle service, route map, and route timetable.

**Getting to the Conference...**

Researchers and practitioners alike agree that unless the system is set up to support the changes that are ultimately decided upon, reform efforts will be fruitless. This conference will provide information on the issues associated with high school reform and how to adapt our high school system to help support systematic policy changes. Innovative ways to assess progress in schools as well as methods to increase collaboration in and amongst schools will be addressed.

This conference is designed in conjunction with the latest journal issue of *The Future of Children* "America’s High Schools." This issue, due to be released in March 2009, shines a spotlight on high schools, focusing mainly on the overarching challenges that all high schools face including institutional reform, transitioning, curriculum and instruction, school drop-outs and access to higher education.

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