



# Excellence in the Classroom: *Bridging Research and Practice to Help Strengthen the Teacher Workforce*

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With a keynote presentation by Thomas Payzant,  
Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School  
of Education; former Boston Public Schools Superintendent

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Concern about the overall quality of U.S. education—in particular, about the racial and ethnic gaps in achievement—have led many educators and policymakers to examine the teacher workforce. Although almost everyone recognizes the importance of effective teachers, it is much less clear how to strengthen teacher quality.

This conference is designed as a follow-up to the latest issue of the *The Future of Children* journal, “Excellence in the Classroom,” to be issued in March 2007. Both the journal issue and the conference are based upon an exhaustive review of the most compelling research done to date.

The purpose of this conference is to link the latest research regarding teacher quality to practical solutions in the field. Research panels will address issues such as how to attract, enhance, and retain effective teachers.



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Thomas Payzant, Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; former Boston Public Schools Superintendent

### PANELISTS:

Lucille Davy, Commissioner of Education, New Jersey Department of Education

Janet Gless, Associate Director, New Teachers Center, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Heather Hill, Associate Research Scientist and Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of Michigan

Brian Jacob, Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Earl Kim, Superintendent of the Verona Public Schools

Susanna Loeb, Associate Professor, School of Education, Stanford University

Adele Macula, Associate Superintendent, Jersey City Public Schools

Patrick McEwan, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wellesley College

Dan McCaffrey, Senior Statistician, Head RAND Statistics Group

Mary Russo, Principal, Richard J. Murphy K-8 School, Boston School System

Anthony Scanella, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for Educational Administration

Willa Spicer, Deputy Commissioner of Education, New Jersey Department of Education

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