

MAYORS' EDUCATION POLICY ADVISORS NETWORK (EPAN)

Mayors are a force for positive change in public schools across America. EPAN is a national network to support mayoral leadership in education and to develop and share best practices for the ways that cities and school districts can work together to raise student achievement.

2009 SPRING MEETING
JUNE 1-3, 2009

SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT HOTEL
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MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 1, 2009

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Registration (*Club Room Foyer – 2nd floor*)**

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions (*Club Room*)**
Audrey M. Hutchinson, Program Director, Education and Afterschool Initiatives, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of Cities
Elliot Washor, Ph.D., Co-Founder and Co-Director, Big Picture Learning
Leslie Haynes, Program Director, Early College High School Initiative, Jobs for the Future

2:15 – 4:00 p.m. **An Education Stimulus for the Nation's Cities**

One of the top issues on the minds of mayors, city staff members, and education innovators is how best to pursue and disburse the funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for education and related purposes. Where do the opportunities exist? How can mayors best leverage the multiple funding streams to serve their cities' students? Who can mayors partner with to augment and improve their cities' schools? To begin to answer these questions, representatives from the U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education will provide an overview of the stimulus package that relates to education.

Following the overview and a question-and-answer session, we will break into two separate groups – EPAN members and school developers (AHSI and ECHSI) – to consider whether to prepare recommendations to the U.S. Department of Education around pending guidelines for several key funding allotments and to strategize about ways to utilize the stimulus.

Speakers

Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education

Patrick Ainsworth, Ed.D., Director, Secondary, Postsecondary, and Adult Leadership Division, California Department of Education

4:30 p.m. **Bus departs for City Hall – participants will gather in the hotel lobby; buses will depart from the Mission Street side**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Reception (San Francisco City Hall)**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Dinner (Foothill G)**

Speaker

The Honorable Kevin Johnson

Mayor, City of Sacramento, California

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast (Club Room)**

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. **“Getting to Know You” Icebreaker (Club Room)**

Facilitators

Akili Moses Israel, National Network Director, Diploma Plus

Nick Mathern, Director of New Program Development at Gateway to College National Network, Gateway to College

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Roundtable: California High School and Workforce Development Innovations: Lessons for the Nation**

California is home to a number of innovations and related policy issues. Thanks to AHSI and the Early College High School Initiative, significant investments in developing multiple pathways to graduation that encompass career-technical education, and a growing charter school movement have been made. These innovations and policy discussions hold interest and potential lessons for other states and cities regarding school models, and coordinated approaches. Discussants will lead into small-group conversations around opportunities and barriers to innovation and policy from a variety of perspectives.

Facilitator

Andrew Moore, Senior Fellow, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of Cities

Discussants

*Roman Stearns, Director for Leadership Development, ConnectEd
Jed Wallace, President and CEO, California Charter Schools
Association*

*Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Education Advisor, City of San Francisco,
California*

Liza Bearman Ed.D., Regional Director, EdVisions Schools

*Gary Carlone, Consultant, Foundation for California Community
Colleges and Middle College National Consortium*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Break**

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. **Innovations and Partnerships: Early Lessons from AHSI, ECHSI,
and Place-Based Partnerships Sites**

Breaking into three smaller topical groups, EPAN members and representatives of AHSI and ECHSI will discuss early lessons learned and questions raised through AHSI Place-Based Partnerships and similar efforts.

*Cities as a Partner for Wraparound Services in Schools & Early
Colleges*

Facilitator

*Leslie Haynes, Program Director, Early College High School Initiative
Jobs for the Future*

Discussion leaders

*Nick Mathern, Director of New Program Development at Gateway to
College National Network, Gateway to College*

Xiania Foster, Education Manager, City of Newark, New Jersey

*Updates / Early Lessons Learned from AHSI Place-Based Partnership
Sites*

Facilitator

*Marjorie Cohen, Senior Program Associate for Education,
Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of
Cities*

Discussion leaders

Akili Moses Israel, National Network Director, Diploma Plus

*Christine Marson, Assistant Director, Mayor's Office for Charter
Schools, City of Indianapolis, Indiana*

Strengthening Connections between City, Schools, and Workforce Development

Facilitator

Talmira Hill, Director, Alternative High School Initiative

Discussion leaders

Phil Matero, Founder and CEO, YouthBuild Charter School California

Cindy Schoenmakers, Assistant Director, Department of Community Initiatives, City of San Antonio, Texas

12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch (Foothill G)

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Roundtable: What Do Secretary Duncan’s Priorities Mean for Cities and Education Innovators? (Club Room)

In a March 2009 Op-Ed article, Education Secretary Arne Duncan spelled out the Obama Administration’s education agenda, which is “aimed at preparing Americans from the cradle up through a career. That means raising the quality of early childhood programs; ending state caps on the number of allowable charter schools; rewarding good teachers and removing bad ones; adding learning time to the school year; and putting the dream of a college degree within reach for anyone who wants one.” Secretary Duncan also told the U.S. Conference of Mayors that he believes big city mayors should be in control of their school systems. What do these priorities/proposals mean for education in the nation’s cities?

Speaker

Linda Darling-Hammond, Ph.D., Charles Ducommun Professor of Education and Co-Director School Redesign Network (SRN), Stanford University

Lead Respondents

Gregory McGinity, Senior Director of Policy, The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation

Danielle Mezera, Ph.D., Director, Mayor's Office of Children and Youth, City of Nashville, Tennessee

Elliot Washor, Ph.D., Co-Founder and Co-Director, Big Picture Learning

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Open Forum for Peer Exchange

While the substance and the politics of school improvement vary greatly across cities, mayors and their education advisors also face many common challenges. This open forum is designed to give EPAN members the chance to seek advice from their peers on a specific issue with which they are grappling. A total of ten minutes will be devoted to each segment of the discussion. Participants are encouraged to frame their request for input as succinctly as possible.

Facilitators

Debbie Kim Morikawa, Director, Community Service, Honolulu City and County, Hawaii

Claudia Fuentes, Youth and Learning Policy Aide, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

EPAN Celebration! (*Foothill E*)

A retrospective of EPAN meetings, a time of reflection, and a celebratory toast to all the great work EPAN members do in their respective cities!

6:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, June 3, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast (*Club Room*)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Innovative City Support for the Education Continuum (*Club Room*)

From birth through higher education and workforce development, city leaders have created a host of innovative programs designed to support young people as they move through the education continuum. Three mayors have developed initiatives along the education continuum in their cities. Mayor Daley of Chicago developed Born Learning Kits for new mothers to provide resources and information about early child development. To give students access to safe and educational programs after school, Mayor Coleman of St. Paul has funded transportation by way of the Circulator Bus. Finally, to help older youth envision life after graduation, Mayor Abramson launched an initiative called the Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP).

Panelists

Tawa Jogunosimi, Assistant to the Mayor for Education, City of Chicago, Illinois

Vallay Varro, Education Director, Office of the Mayor, City of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mary Gwen Wheeler, Director, Office of Policy and Management, City of Louisville, Kentucky

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Getting Serious about Connecting High School and Postsecondary Education: Roles for Mayors and Education Innovators**

The incompatibility between K-12 and higher education policies and practices has led to challenges, especially for low-income and first-generation college students who receive mixed messages about what it takes to access and succeed in college. Michael Kirst, manager of The Bridge Project: Strengthening K-16 Transition Policies at Stanford University, will discuss the research and recommendations of this project, particularly as they relate to cities. The overarching purpose of the project is to improve opportunities for all students to enter and succeed in higher education by strengthening the alignment between higher education admissions criteria and K-12 curriculum frameworks, standards, and assessments.

Speaker

Michael Kirst, Ph.D., Professor of Education and Business Administration and Associate Director of the Stanford Institute for Higher Education Research (SIHER), Stanford University

Discussants

Lizette Navarette, Youth Coordinator, Mayor's Office, City of Riverside, California

Deborah Dillon, Education Director, Office of the City Manager, City of Phoenix, Arizona

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch and Wrap-up (Club Room)**