



The Alliance for Excellent Education and Communities In Schools  
Present a Webinar on

## **The Economic Impact of Communities In Schools: The Return on Investment from Increased High School Graduation Rates**

Wednesday, June 27, 2012  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (ET)

### **Speakers Biographies**

#### **Daniel Cardinali**

*President, Communities In Schools*

Dan Cardinali has led Communities In Schools (CIS) since 2004. Under his leadership, the organization has developed and embraced an evidence-based model of integrated student service provision and has launched a national growth strategy to increase CIS's impact on improving public education. Mr. Cardinali's background as a community organizer has helped CIS continue its steady and measured growth, establish its voice in national education policy debates, and launch an organization-wide quality improvement campaign.

Mr. Cardinali is a 2007 Annie E. Casey Children and Families Fellow. He also currently serves as a trustee for America's Promise Alliance and as chairman of the board of directors of Peace First. He is a board member of the Harwood Institute of Public Innovation and Child Trends. In May 2011, Mr. Cardinali was appointed by President Obama to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

Trained as a community organizer in Guadalajara, Mexico, Mr. Cardinali served on a team organizing a "squatter" community of 120,000 to secure land rights, running water, and public education. He returned to Washington, DC to receive a one-year research fellowship at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. At Partners of the Americas, Mr. Cardinali coordinated its leadership training program, the International Fellowship in Community Development.

Before assuming his current position, Mr. Cardinali served as executive vice president of field operations at CIS. He holds a BS degree in international relations from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and an MA degree in philosophy from Fordham University.

**Bob Wise**

*President, Alliance for Excellent Education*

Bob Wise is president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. He currently cochairs the Digital Learning Council with Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida, and chairs the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He is author of the book *Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation*.

Gov. Wise joined the Alliance in 2005, where he continues to build its reputation as a respected authority on high school policy by advocating for reform in America's secondary education system and working to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and to be contributing members of society. Gov. Wise has become a sought-after speaker and advisor on education issues; he has advised the U.S. Department of Education, White House Transition Team, and frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress. In 2011, Gov. Wise was named to *The NonProfit Times*' "Power & Influence Top 50," an annual listing of the fifty most influential executives in the nonprofit sector.

As governor of West Virginia from 2001 to 2005, he implemented the PROMISE Scholarship program, significantly increasing college attendance. From 1983 to 2001, Gov. Wise served in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he aggressively worked to preserve federal financial aid for students to attend college.

Gov. Wise earned a BA degree from Duke University and a JD degree from Tulane University School of Law. His board and committee services also include the Public Education Network, America's Promise, and the National High School Center.

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