



“From No Child Left Behind to Every Child a Graduate: Connecting Local Priorities to National Opportunities”

December 10, 2007 • Union League Club • Chicago, Illinois

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Bob Wise, President, Alliance for Excellent Education
- 8:10 a.m. The Chicago Public Schools’ (CPS) High School Reform Story**
Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools
- 8:30 a.m. Local Lessons with National Implications: CPS’ Approach to Accountability and School Improvement**
With a number of major high school initiatives, Chicago Public Schools offers an important perspective on key issues in the federal high school reform conversation. Among those issues are: the use of data to drive school improvement and student achievement; providing multiple pathways to graduation; turning around low-performing high schools; ensuring accountability for graduation rates; and the importance of other indicators in determining school and student performance.
Allan Alson, Executive Director, High School Transformation, Chicago Public Schools
John Easton, Executive Director, Consortium on Chicago School Research
Bethany Little, Vice President of Federal Advocacy and Policy Development, Alliance for Excellent Education
Janice Jackson, Principal, Al Raby High School for Community and Environment
Linda Lenz, Founder, Catalyst Chicago (moderator)
- 9:20 a.m. Keynote Address**
Federal Policy Possibilities for Support of Local High School Reform Efforts: An Update on NCLB Reauthorization
U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, Assistant Majority Leader; Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (invited)
- 9:40 a.m. Q&A**
- 10:00 a.m. Adjourn**