



**Mayors Education Policy Advisors' Network (EPAN)
Inaugural Meeting
May 29-30, 2003**

MEETING AGENDA

**Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC**

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Thursday, May 29, 2003

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Montpelier Foyer

9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Montpelier Room

Clifford M. Johnson
Executive Director
Institute for Youth, Education, and Families
National League of Cities

Joan Crigger
Assistant Executive Director
U.S. Conference of Mayors

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Shaping the Mayors Education Policy Advisors' Network: Member Dialogue**
Montpelier Room

This open dialogue will focus on framing the vision, role, and goals of the Network. Members will share their thoughts on how the Network should be structured and their expectations regarding what they hope to accomplish.

Kris Kurtenbach
Meeting Facilitator and President, Collaborative Communications Group
Washington, DC

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon Speaker: Mayors as a Force for Education Improvement**
Madison Room

More and more, mayors are using their leadership role and authority over city resources to support and strengthen public schools. As city leaders, they have a stake in the success of schools for many reasons, for example: quality of life, economic development, workforce development, and civic participation. The roles that mayors can play to support education--and how they can utilize their leadership to improve student achievement and the quality of schools--will be discussed.

Speaker: *Edward Blakely, Ph.D.*
Dean, Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy
New School University, New York, New York

1:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. **Standards & Accountability: Ensuring Student Success**
Montpelier Room

School districts are being held more accountable for student performance. As schools grapple with new federal and state requirements, mayors will be held more and more accountable and responsible for the education of all children whether or not they have legal authority of the schools. This discussion will examine how these increased expectations are playing out at the local level and how mayors can work in partnership with school districts to meet them.

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Speaker: *Judith Rizzo, Ed.D.*
Executive Director
James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. – **High School Reform: Redesigning Schools and Increasing Options**
4:00 p.m. *Montpelier Room*

The failure of roughly one in four secondary school students to graduate within four years, and of one in six young adults to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent by age 25, has a profound impact on these individuals and the communities in which they live. In this discussion, participants will share their ideas and thoughts on how the high school learning experience is organized, as well as alternative strategies and programs for high schools and high school graduation, including roles that mayors can play to create and support these options.

Speaker: *Gene Bottoms, Ph.D.*
Senior Vice President
Southern Regional Education Board
Atlanta, Georgia

4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:15 p.m. **Hot Topics: Legislative & Policy Briefing**
Montpelier Room

Speakers: *Jeff Simering, J.D.*
Director of Legislative Services
Council of the Great City Schools
Washington, DC

Patricia Sullivan
Deputy Executive Director
Council of Chief State School Officers
Washington, DC

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:30 p.m. **Reception**
Madison Room

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7:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**

Friday, May 30, 2003

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Montpelier Foyer

8:30 a.m. **Review of Day One and Setting the Stage for Day Two**
Montpelier Room

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Washington, DC

9:00 a.m. **Communities and Schools: Strategies for Effective Public Engagement**
Montpelier Room

One of the major challenges for schools and out-of-school time programs is engaging and motivating the community to support education improvement initiatives. The discussion will address the various strategies mayors can educate the community around education issues and mobilize the community to improve the quality of schools and raise student achievement.

Speaker: Michael Grady, Ed.D.
Deputy Director, Annenberg Institute for School Reform
Providence, Rhode Island

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Expanded Learning Opportunities for All Youth**
Montpelier Room

Out of school hours provide an ideal time to reinforce children's learning gains and supplement the academic curriculum offered at school. An open dialogue and discussion among participants will highlight the numerous approaches cities have taken to build expanded learning options for all students. Key issues, challenges, and lessons learned in developing such programs will also be shared.

Speaker: Vincent Pan
Co-Founder and Executive Director
Heads Up: A University Neighborhood Initiative
Washington, DC

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon: Q & A with Chester Finn and Marc Tucker**
Madison Room

An interesting and lively discussion on the role of mayors in public education, including the different approaches they can take, will take center stage. Our two speakers represent both sides of the political spectrum, and will be given a few moments to make brief remarks about their views on strategies and approaches that mayors can use to improve schools and develop education policy. Following their remarks, questions and open discussion between the speakers and the audience will ensue.

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Speakers: *Chester E. Finn, Jr., Ed.D.*
President, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation
Washington, DC

Marc Tucker
President, National Center on Education and the Economy
Washington, DC

Moderator: *J.D. La Rock*
Senior Education Fellow
U.S. Conference of Mayors

1:30 p.m. **Wrap-Up Discussion/Reactions and Closing Thoughts**
Montpelier Room

Kris Kurtenbach
Meeting Facilitator and President, Collaborative Communications Group
Washington, DC

1:40 p.m. **Update on USCM Education Summit (Fall 2003)**
Montpelier Room

Fritz Edelstein, Ph.D.
Senior Adviser
U.S. Conference of Mayors

1:50 p.m. **Next Steps for Network/NLC Support and Planned Activities**
Montpelier Room

Audrey M. Hutchinson
Program Director, Education and Afterschool Initiatives
Institute for Youth, Education, and Families
National League of Cities

2:00 p.m. **Meeting Adjourns**