REFORMING HIGH SCHOOLS:
TOOLS TO HELP PROMOTE CHANGE
Princeton University
April 24, 2009

8:00 - 8:30  Breakfast and Registration

8:30 - 8:45  GREETINGS:


8:45 – 10:15  WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH HAVE TO SAY?

Moderator: Lisa Markman-Pithers, Ph.D., Acting Director, Education Research Section, Outreach Director, Future of Children Journal, Princeton University

Speakers:

Vanessa M. Coca, MPP, Research Analyst, Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago

James Kemple, Executive Director, Research Alliance for New York City Schools

John Tyler, Associate Professor of Education, Public Policy and Economics, Brown University

10:15–10:30  BREAK

10:30-11:00  COMMON REFORM MODEL THEMES

Moderator: Sheri H. Ranis, PhD, Senior Program Officer, Research & Data, U.S. Programs, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Speakers:

Becky A. Smerdon, PhD, Principal Research Scientist, Vice President and Deputy Director, U.S. Education and Workforce Development Academy for Educational Development

Nettie Legters, Research Scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Schools, and Co-Director of the Center's Talent Development High Schools (TDHS) program.

11:00-11:15  BREAK
11:15 -12:30 IMPROVEMENT TOOLS

Moderator: John Crowe, Ph.D., Superintendent, Woodbridge Township School District

Speakers:

Martha Foote, Director of Research, New York Performance Standards Consortium

Diana Moon, Ph.D. Focused Leadership Solutions, Denver, CO

Thomas Wilson, Principal Partner, Catalpa Ltd., Performance Based Inquiry

12:30 -1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 2:15 KEYNOTE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator: Willa Spicer, Deputy Commissioner of Education of New Jersey

Speaker: Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent, Austin Independent School District

2:15 - 3:30 PROMOTING COLLABORATIVE WORK IN YOUR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

Moderator: John Webb, Director, Teacher Preparation Program, Princeton University

Speakers:

Mary Ann Pitcher, Project Director, Network for College Success, the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

Naomi Houseman, Executive Director, High School Reform Policy and Research School District of Philadelphia

Joseph Di Martino, Center for Secondary School Redesign

3:30-4:00 CLOSE

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