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NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

College Readiness and Success: A New England Leadership Summit Preliminary Agenda

Friday, November 30, 2007

7:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

7:45 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening**

Welcome

Evan S. Dobbelle, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education

Introduction of Speaker:

Jack M. Wilson, President, University of Massachusetts

Opening Address

Joe Scantlebury, Senior Policy Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Session I: What Do We Mean by “College and Career Readiness”?**

The readiness challenge: Is it a simple matter of high schools graduating more young people prepared for college? Or a symptom of larger socioeconomic inequities in education—and a forewarning of competitive disadvantages in the new global economy?

Facilitator:

Joe Scantlebury, Senior Policy Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Participants

Michael Cohen, President, Achieve, Inc.

David T. Conley, Director, Center for Educational Policy Research, University of Oregon

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Session II: Do We Know What We’re After?**

How are the states doing? A look at strategies and best practices for rigorous, branded statewide core curricula and how they contribute to aligning high school standards, testing and graduation requirements with the demands of college and the workplace.

Introduction and Overview

David T. Conley, Director, Center for Educational Policy Research, University of Oregon

Responses and Perspectives

James H. Breece, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, University of Maine System

Gerald Chertavian, Founder and CEO, Year Up

Rep. Johannah Leddy Donovan, Education Committee, Vermont

Arthur VanderVeen, Executive Director, The College Board

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Session III: Building a Readiness Curriculum

Many reforms and innovations aimed at improving college and career readiness have emphasized *academic rigor*. But how do we raise academic achievement without stumbling into a one-size-fits-all standards system?

Facilitator

Nicholas Donohue, President and CEO, Nellie Mae Education Foundation

Introduction and Overview

Michael Cohen, President, Achieve, Inc.

Responses and Perspectives

Duke Albanese, Co-Executive Director, Great Schools Partnership, Maine

Martha McLeod, President, Asnuntuck Community College, Connecticut

Jeff Nelhaus, Interim Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Education

John Ramos, Superintendent of Schools, Bridgeport, Connecticut

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch and State Conversations

During lunch, participants will be seated by state and have the opportunity to share perspectives on the morning discussions.

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Washington Perspective

James T. Brett, President and CEO, The New England Council

U.S. Rep. John F. Tierney (D – Mass.)

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session A: Data, Assessment and Accountability:
Education Policy Roundtable**

What tools can fairly and effectively assess student performance and potential? What works in measuring the effectiveness of district and statewide readiness initiatives? What lessons can New England draw from the Data Quality Campaign?

Facilitator

William Graves, Senior Vice President, Academic Strategy, SunGard Higher Education

Introduction and Overview

Nancy Smith, Deputy Director, Data Quality Campaign

Responses and Perspectives

Richard Cate, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Education

Patricia Plummer, Chancellor, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

Rep. Marie St. Fleur, Vice Chair, House Ways and Means Committee, Massachusetts

Jack Warner, Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of Higher Education

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session B: College Ready, But Locked Out?
 Making College Affordable in New England**

It is estimated that in this decade, more than 2 million low- and moderate-income high school graduates will not complete college due to financial barriers. Given that New England's college prices are the highest in the nation, how can student aid programs be structured to serve financially needy students?

Facilitator

Willis Hulings, President and CEO, TERI (The Education Resources Institute)

Introduction and Overview

Travis Reindl, Program Director, Jobs for the Future and Lumina Foundation's *Making Opportunity Affordable* Initiative

Responses and Perspectives

Kathryn G. Dodge, Executive Director, New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission

Henry Thomas, President, Urban League of Springfield, Massachusetts

Sen. Carol Weston, Maine State Legislature

Karrin Wilks, Senior Vice President, Vermont State Colleges

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

**2:45 – 4 p.m. Town Hall Discussion: Standards & Strategies for the Six New England States:
 Finding Consensus**

How can the six New England states collaborate to ensure college and career access and success? Which strategies can the states pursue to prepare its citizens for success in the global knowledge economy?

Facilitator

Sara Martinez Tucker, U.S. Under Secretary of Education

Introduction and Overview

The Honorable Donald Carcieri, Governor, State of Rhode Island

Responses and Perspectives

Charles Desmond, Executive Vice President, Trefler Foundation

Dana Mohler-Faria, President, Bridgewater State College and Education Advisor to Mass. Governor Deval Patrick

Elsa Nunez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University

Stephen Reno, Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire

S. Paul Reville, Chairman, Massachusetts Board of Education

Rep Emma Rous, Chair, House Education Committee, New Hampshire



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October 5, 2007

The Honorable Emma Rous
64 Adams Point Road
Durham, New Hampshire 03824

Dear Rep. Rous:

I have enclosed additional information about the New England Leadership Summit on College Readiness and Success.

President Dobelle also extends an invitation to you to a late afternoon meeting and dinner on Thursday, November 29th, the day before the Summit with state legislators who are education chairs, chancellors, commissioners of education and higher education and education policy advisers to the governors. Dr. Michael Cohen, President of Achieve will be on hand for this meeting. I will forward the details of this meeting as soon as final arrangements are completed.

The enclosed agenda will give you a better idea of the summit and who else will be participating and I would be glad to speak with you as well.

Once we have our panelist confirmed I will be contacting everyone to arrange for a conference call for those in each session. This will also help in clarifying what each of the participants will be speaking about.

Again, we will provide for your hotel accommodations and any travel expenses as well.

I hope you can join us for this special set of events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Morwick".

Carolyn Morwick
Senior Director, Government & Community Relations