

Transforming Urban Public Education: Exploring the Potential of City-Based Strategies

Thursday, May 12, 2011

**International Ballroom
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans
300 Canal St., New Orleans, LA**

Agenda

- 8:15–9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00–9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- Scott Pearson, U.S. Department of Education
 - Kelly Sparks, National Charter School Resource Center
 - Sarah Newell Usdin, New Schools for New Orleans
- 9:15–9:45 a.m. **Independent Voices in Support of Quality: The Mission of City-Based Charter Support Organizations**
- *Keynote presenter:* Phoebe Boyer, Tiger and Robertson Foundations
- 9:45–10:15 a.m. **Reviewing the Current Landscape and Potential of City-Based Strategies**
- *Presenters:*
 - Eric Paisner, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
 - John Kania, FSG
- 10:15–10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. **New York City Education Reform: The History, Challenges and Promise of Crossing the Charter/District Divide**
- *Moderator:* Scott Pearson, U.S. Department of Education
 - *Panelists:*
 - Phoebe Boyer, Tiger and Robertson Foundations
 - Robert Hughes, New Visions for Public Schools
 - James Merriman, New York City Charter School Center



- 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. **Lunch Keynote Address: District-Charter Collaboration: Reflections on Next Steps for Urban School Reform**
- *Keynote presenters:*
 - Robin Lake, Center on Reinventing Public Education
 - Caroline Roemer Shirley, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools
- 12:45–12:55 p.m. **Break**
- 12:55–2:10 p.m. **Building a Pipeline of High-Quality Charter Schools**
- *Moderator:* Robin Lake, Center on Reinventing Public Education
 - *Panelists:*
 - Maggie Runyan-Shefa, New Schools for New Orleans
 - Greg Thompson, Tennessee Charter School Incubator
- 2:10–2:20 p.m. **Break**
- 2:20–3:35 p.m. **State Charter Support Organizations Advocating for Urban School Reform**
- *Moderator:* Eric Paisner, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
 - *Panelists:*
 - Jim Griffin, Colorado League of Charter Schools
 - Jed Wallace, California Charter Schools Association
- 3:35–3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45–4:45 p.m. **Investing in City-Based Strategies: Opportunities, Challenges, and Potential Impact**
- *Moderator:* Phoebe Boyer, Tiger and Robertson Foundations
 - *Panelists:*
 - Ethan Gray, The Mind Trust
 - Jim Peyser, NewSchools Venture Fund
- 4:45–5:00 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**
- Scott Pearson, U.S. Department of Education
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**