

# **State Education Agency High School Meeting Agenda**

**April 9–10, 2008  
Holiday Inn Select  
1801 N. Naper Blvd.  
Naperville, Illinois**

## **Purpose**

Participants will share their expertise and experience in the critical areas put forth by the National High School Center, which are the following:

- Setting standards
- Building capacity for high school improvement
- Reaching more students
- Facilitating informed decision making
- Supporting data use

## **Outcomes**

- Participants will share information about their work on high schools.
- Participants will gain an increased understanding of how national policy initiatives affect high schools.
- Participants will gain an increased understanding of how state policies affect high school efforts.
- Participants will establish a network for future regional collaboration on high school issues.

## Wednesday, April 9

10:30 a.m.

### *Welcome and Introductions*

#### *Overview of Regional Comprehensive Centers and Their Services*

- Barb Youngren, Director of Great Lakes East Comprehensive Assistance Center, Learning Point Associates
- Linda Miller, Director of Great Lakes West Comprehensive Assistance Center, Learning Point Associates

#### *Overview of Meeting Goals and Objectives*

- Denise Claessens, Great Lakes High School Team

11:00 a.m.

#### *National High School Scene: Policy and Issues*

- Paul Kimmelman, Senior Advisor, Legislative and Governmental Relations, Learning Point Associates

12:00 p.m.

### *Lunch*

1:00 p.m.

### *Keynote Address*

- John Kraman, Senior Policy Analyst, Achieve/American Diploma Project

2:00 p.m.

### *Table Activity*

- Frank De Rosa, Great Lakes High School Team

3:00 p.m.

### *Break*

3:15 p.m.

### *Table Activity*

- Frank De Rosa, Great Lakes High School Team

4:00 p.m.

### *Wrap Up, Overview of Day 1, and Preview of Day 2*

- Tori Cirks, Great Lakes High School Team

4:15 p.m.

### *Evening Break*

5:30 p.m.

### *Dinner*

## Thursday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m.**                      *Breakfast*
- 8:30 a.m.**                      *Keynote Address*
- Becky Smerdon, Principal Research Scientist, Vice President and Deputy Director, U.S. Education and Workforce Development, Academy for Education Development
- 9:30 a.m.**                      *Brief Review of Day 1*
- Bersheril Bailey, Great Lakes High School Team
- 9:40 a.m.**                      *Group Networking Activity*
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- 10:45 a.m.**                      *Break and Hotel Check-Out*
- 11:00 a.m.**                      *Table Activity*
- Frank De Rosa, Great Lakes High School Team
- 12:00 p.m.**                      *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m.**                      *Keynote Address*
- Elizabeth Schneider, Vice President of State Advocacy and Outreach, Alliance for Excellent Education
- 2:30 p.m.**                      *Break/Evaluation*
- 2:45 p.m.**                      *Next Steps*
- 3:30 p.m.**                      *Adjourn*