

4th Regional High School Dialogue: “Building Coalitions and Fostering Partnerships”

**January 15–16, 2009
Sofitel Chicago O’Hare Hotel
5550 N. River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018**

Agenda

Purpose

To increase state capacity to build and foster coalitions and partnerships at the state level that positively impact high school improvement initiatives.

Outcomes

- Participants will assess their current level of understanding and use of coalitions utilizing the key elements of successful collaboration.
- Participants will increase their understanding of how partnerships and coalitions can positively impact high school improvement initiatives.
- Participants will increase their understanding of how the partnerships and collaborations found within P–16 councils can influence and facilitate the development of statewide support for high school improvement initiatives.
- Participants will develop strategies for building and strengthening partnerships and coalitions.

Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Overview of Meeting Goals and Objectives**

10:15 a.m. Context and Collaboration Overview

Key Elements of Successful State Education Agency Collaborations – Part 1

- Joanne Cashman, Director, IDEA Partnership, National Association of State Directors of Special Education

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Models of Successful State Education Agency Collaborations
Facilitator: Bersheril Bailey, Senior Program Associate, Great Lakes East;
Jennifer Scala, Technical Assistance Liaison, National High School Center

- **Maryland STEM Collaborations**
 - Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland Department of Education
 - Dr. Ted Imes, Vice President of Outreach, Northrop Grumman
- **Minnesota High School Redesign Collaboration**
 - Angie Judd, Minnesota Department of Education
 - Jeff Bertrang, Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals
- **Iowa Professional Development Model Collaboration**
 - Deb Hansen, Iowa Department of Education
 - Nancy Bradley, Dubuque Community School District

3:45 p.m. Break and Hotel Check-In

4:00 p.m. Key Elements of Successful State Education Agency Collaborations – Part 2

- Joanne Cashman, Director, IDEA Partnership, National Association of State Directors of Special Education

State Collaboration Time

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Session 4: Successful Collaborations Within State P-16 Initiatives
Facilitator: Jane Best, Senior Policy Associate, Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest

- **Georgia P-16 Collaborations**
 - Ann Duffy, Director of Policy Development, Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement
 - Amy Mast, Georgia Alliance of Education Agency Heads

10:30 a.m. Break and Hotel Check-Out

11:00 a.m. State Collaboration Time

1:00 p.m. Adjourn (Box Lunches Provided)