A Conference with the Institute for Government Innovation, the Office of Innovation and Improvement at the U.S. Department of Education and the Program on Education Policy and Governance (PEPG)

Tuesday, April 15th ~ Cambridge, Massachusetts
Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
79 John F. Kennedy Street
Taubman Building Conference Rooms, Fifth Floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AGENDA

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by Nina Rees, Office of Innovation and Improvement and Gail Christopher, Institute for Government Innovation
- Introduction to OII
- Introduction to the Institute and the Innovations in American Government Awards

8:15 a.m. Opening Remarks: “Innovations and the No Child Left Behind Act” by Deputy Secretary Bill Hansen, U.S. Department of Education


9:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Reaction to Keynote Address
- 30 minutes for panel discussion
- 45 minutes for audience participation
Panelists
- Moderator: James Traub - The New York Times Magazine
- Steve Fleischman – Education Quality Institute/AIR
- Kim Smith – New Schools Venture Fund
- Fredrick M. Hess – American Enterprise Institute
- Jon Baron – The Council for Excellence in Government
- Paul Peterson – Harvard University

10:15 a.m. Break
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Innovation in Action: Lessons from the Charter Schools Movement
- 45 minutes for panel discussion
- 30 minutes for audience participation

- Focused on key questions:
  - What were the initial barriers to this innovation?
  - How were they overcome?
  - Has the movement developed “best practices” over time? If so, how were they identified? Promoted?
  - What role has research played in this process, if any?
  - What are the lessons for other innovations?

Panelists
- Moderator: Dr. Howard Fuller - Institute for the Transformation of Learning
- Pedro Noguera – Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Chester E. Finn, Jr. – The Thomas B. Fordham Foundation
- Ted Kolderie – Center for Policy Studies
- Linda Brown – Massachusetts Charter School Resource Center

11:45 a.m.  
Break

12:00 p.m.  
Lunch Panel: Examples of Innovations in Education
- 60 minutes for panel discussion/presentations
- 30 minutes for questions and answers

Panelists
- Moderator: Jodie Allen - U.S. News & World Report
- Edward DeMore - Boston Digital Bridge Foundation
- Tom Webber – Edwin Gould Academy
- Dal Lawrence – The Toledo Plan
- Chris Dede – Harvard Graduate School of Education
- John Baldwin – Hamilton Terrace Learning Center

1:45 p.m.  
Break

2:00 p.m.  
Innovation in Action: Lessons from the Alternative Certification Movement
- 45 minutes for panel discussion
- 30 minutes for audience participation
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Panelists
- Moderator: Lisa Graham Keegan – Education Leaders Council
- Susan Moore Johnson – Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Leo Klagholz – Southern Regional Institute for Professional Development
- Michelle Rhee – The New Teacher Project
- Craig Jerald – Education Trust

3:45 p.m.  Break

4:00 p.m.  Lessons Learned from the Proceedings by Stephen Goldsmith, Professor of the Practice of Public Management and Faculty Chair of the Institute for Government Innovation.
- Provides a recap of the major insights of the day
- Leads a short discussion about recommended next steps, especially for OII

4:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks by Nina Rees and Gail Christopher