Learning from Improving School Systems at Home and Abroad

A Conference Organized by the Harvard’s Program on Education Policy and Governance

Taubman Building, 5th Floor Conference Rooms, Harvard Kennedy School
15 Eliot Street, Cambridge MA
July 25-27, 2012

Wednesday, July 25

6:00 – 7:00 PM Early Registration and Opening Reception: Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor (open to registered attendees and conference participants)

Thursday, July 26

8:30 AM Registration and Breakfast: Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor

9:00 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
• Paul E. Peterson, Harvard University
• Edward Glaeser, Harvard Kennedy School

9:10 AM Keynote Session: Which Nations and U.S. States Are Improving the Most Rapidly?
Chair: Edward Glaeser, Harvard Kennedy School
• Eric Hanushek – Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
• Michael Barber – Chief Education Advisor, Pearson PLC
• Andreas Schleicher – Special Advisor on Education Policy, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Secretary-General; Deputy Director, Directorate for Education
• Jon Schnur – Executive Chairman and Co-Founder, America Achieves; Co-Founder, New Leaders for New Schools
• Q & A

11:20 AM Break for LUNCH

12:00 PM Lunch Address:
Hon. Scott Walker – Governor, State of Wisconsin
• Q & A

1:00 PM Break
1:15 PM  Panel I: Holding Schools and Students Accountable  
Chair: Martin West, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
- Thomas Dee – Professor, University of Virginia  
- Jörg Dräger – former Minister of Education and Research, Federal State of Hamburg, Germany  
- Nancy Grasmick – former Maryland State Superintendent of Schools  
- John Winn – former Commissioner of Education, Florida  
- Q & A  

2:45 PM  Panel II: Curricular Standards and Educational Performance  
Chair: Deborah McGriff, Partner, NewSchools Venture Fund  
- Joshua Goodman – Assistant Professor, Harvard Kennedy School  
- Terry K. Peterson – former Chief Education Executive to Governor Richard Riley, South Carolina  
- David Driscoll – former Commissioner of Education, Massachusetts  
- Michael Fullan – Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto; Special Advisor to the Premier, Ontario  
- Q & A  

4:15 PM  Break  

4:30 PM  Panel III: School Reform in Central Europe  
Chair: Fernando Reimers, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
- Steven Rivkin – Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago  
- Roberts Ķīlis – Minister of Education and Science, Latvia  
- Jerzy Wisniewski – former Director General, Ministry of Education, Poland  
- Q & A  

5:45 PM  Reception  
(open to registered attendees and conference participants)  

6:30 PM  Evening Address  
Maureen McLaughlin - Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Education  

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Friday, July 27

8:30 AM  Breakfast (Registration continued): Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor

9:00 AM  Panel IV: Teacher Quality and Effectiveness
Chair: Felipe Barrera-Osorio, Harvard Graduate School of Education
• John Bishop – Associate Professor, Cornell University
• Barbara Bruns – Lead Education Economist, Latin America and Caribbean Region, World Bank
• Andy Smarick – Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education, New Jersey
• Q & A

10:20 AM  Break

10:40 AM  Panel V: School Choice and Local Control
Chair: Charles Glenn, Boston University
• Stephen Machin – Professor, University College London
• Cecilia Maria Velez – former Minister of Education, Colombia
• Gregory Elacqua – Director of the Institute of Public Policy, School of Economics, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile
• Q & A

12:00 PM  Lunch / Adjourn

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