



HELPING POLICYMAKERS UNDERSTAND HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

New Orleans, Louisiana
Turning Around Low-Performing Schools
Wednesday, May 13 - Thursday, May 14, 2009
Location: Intercontinental New Orleans, New Orleans LA

Final Agenda

Location:

InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 525 5566

Wednesday, May 13th

- 3:00- 3:30 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions (*Intercontinental New Orleans, Pelican I*)**
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. **Peer-to-Peer Learning Session (*Intercontinental New Orleans, Pelican I*)**
Participants share the initiatives in progress in each of their states, as well as challenges and lessons learned
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner and Panel: The Policy Context for School Turnaround in Louisiana**
Location: *Intercontinental New Orleans, Pelican II*

Speakers:

Representative Austin Badon, Chair, Louisiana House Education Committee (*invited*)
Erin Bendily, Governor's Education Policy Director
Patrick Dobard, Deputy Director of Legislative Services, Office of the State Superintendent, Louisiana Department of Education
Don Trahan, Director, Regional Education Service Centers, Louisiana Department of Education

Thursday, May 14th

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast available**
Location: *Intercontinental New Orleans, Pelican II*
- 7:30-9:00 a.m. **Panel: Implementation of Turnaround Efforts in Louisiana**
Location: *Intercontinental New Orleans, Pelican I*

Speakers:

Paul Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education, LA DOE
Debbie Schum, Deputy Superintendent of Academics, Recovery School District, New Orleans

9:10 a.m. Board Bus to visit Walter L. Cohen High School

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Site Visit to Walter L. Cohen High School**

Location: 3520 Dryades Street, New Orleans, LA 70115

(504) 373 6204

In 2008 Walter L. Cohen High school was selected to participate in RSD's new academy initiative. The Academy of Health Sciences opened its doors at the school in August 2008 with a 9th grade class of 141 students. As the academy focus is phased-in over the next three years, Cohen will become an entirely health sciences-focused school, with the academy encompassing all grades. Students interested in health sciences in Orleans Parish may elect to attend Cohen. The school is being supported by a number of partners, including Touro Infirmary, the Walton Family Foundation, and Talent Development (Johns Hopkins University). A health clinic has also recently opened at the school.

12:30 – 1:30p.m. **Lunch at Cohen High School**

1:30-2:55 p.m. **Panel: Leveraging Partnerships in School Turnaround**

Location: Walter L. Cohen High School

Speakers:

Carol Roberts, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Recovery School District
Department of Academics

Morgan Carter, Development and Communications Director, New Schools for New Orleans

Kevin Gutterrez, **Executive Academic Officer**, Algiers Charter Schools Association

3:00-4:00 p.m. **Debrief/Next Steps**

4:00 p.m. **Board bus to depart to airport/return to hotel**

Dinner on your own.

Friday, May 15

7:00-8:00 a.m. **Breakfast on your own.**

8:15 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. ***OPTIONAL service project and tour of lower 9th Ward***