



American youth policy forum
State Strategies to Ensure All Students Graduate
Boston, MA, March 24-26, 2010

In partnership with America's Promise Alliance and National Governors Association Center for Best Practices

Doubletree Guest Suites Boston
400 Soldiers Field Road
Boston, MA 02134

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Wednesday, March 24, 2010

6:00-7:30 pm **Welcome Reception**
Introductory Remarks by Commissioner Mitchell Chester
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Anderson Room

Thursday, March 25, 2010

7:30 am **Breakfast Available**
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

8:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

8:30 – 9:45 am **Conversation with Paul Reville, Secretary of Education**
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

9:45 – 10:30 am **Overview of recent legislative action**
Senator Robert O'Leary, Chair, Joint Committee on Education
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

10:30 -- 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 am **Panel Discussion: Building Partnerships and Public Will**
Neil Sullivan, Executive Director, Boston Private Industry Council
Jill Norton, Executive Director, Rennie Center
Jennifer James, Undersecretary of Workforce Development
Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

12noon **Board Bus for Gateway to College**
[Boxed lunches on the bus]

1:30 – 3:30 pm **Visit at Gateway to College, Mount Wachusett Community College**
Location: 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440
Contact: Pati Gregson, Vice President, Access & Transition, 978-630-9339

3:30 pm **Board Bus to Return to Hotel**



5:00 – 5:45 pm

Debrief Activity

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

6:30 pm

Dinner and Presentation by Adria Steinberg, Jobs for the Future (Invited)

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Anderson Room

Friday, March 26, 2010

8:00 am

Breakfast Available

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

Note: Participants will need to check out prior to the start of our morning sessions.

8:30 – 9:00 am

Presentation on Massachusetts Student Information Management System

Rob Curtin, Manager, Data Analysis and Reporting, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

9:00 – 10:00 am

Panel Discussion: State strategies to reengage and reconnect dropouts

Stafford Peat, Administrator, Secondary School Services, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Jenny Curtin, Coordinator, Alternative Education & Trauma Sensitive Programs, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Eliot Room

10:30 am

Board Bus

Note: Participants will need to load luggage onto the bus.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Presentation and Visit at Brockton High School

Location: 470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301

Contact: Dr. Susan Szachowicz, Principal, 508-580-7633

12:15 – 12:45 pm

Lunch at Brockton's Pathways Center

Location: 175 Warren Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301

Contact: Shanna Gray, 508-894-4377

12:45 – 1:45

Presentation and Visit at Brockton's Pathways Center

Location: 175 Warren Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301

Contact: Shanna Gray, 508-894-4377

1:45 – 3:00 pm

Debrief and Final Reflections Exercise at Pathways Center

Location: 175 Warren Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301

3:00 pm

Board Bus for Airport

Flights should depart no earlier than 5 pm. There will be alternative transportation for those returning to the hotel.