



**A VISION FOR REDESIGNED HIGH SCHOOLS:  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STATE POLICY LEADERS**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**  
**October 5-6, 2006**

**Hotel**

**Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley**

4600 Marriott Drive, Suite 510

Raleigh, NC 27612-3307

919-227-3760

[www.marriott.com/rdunc](http://www.marriott.com/rdunc)

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

**7:30 a.m.                      Breakfast and Orientation at hotel in Salon FG**

**8:30 a.m.                      *Board bus for school visit***

**9:15 a.m.                      South Granville School of Health and Life Science**

701 North Crescent Drive

Creedmoor, NC 27522

(919) 528-150

Catherine Brooks, Principal

*Lunch at school*

*The South Granville School of Health and Life Sciences is a small, thematically-focused high school was once a part of the South Granville High School. The School of Health and Life Sciences provides students with a rigorous course of study, relevant applications, and sustained relationships among peers, faculty, and community. Being small by nature lends itself to closer relationships with students, which in turn, results in fewer students being lost. Students are assigned an advisor who will stay with them throughout their high school experience. Students are able to earn college credit while in high school and participate in internships and job shadowing opportunities with professionals in the health care industry. The current enrollment is 224 students serving grades 9-12. The school is in its second full year of implementation.*

**12:00 p.m.                      *Board bus for the Office of the NC New Schools Project***



**12:45 – 2:00 p.m. Participant Debrief**

North Carolina New Schools Project Office  
4600 Marriott Drive, Suite 500  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
919-277-3670  
Contact: Toni Patterson, NC New Schools Project

**2:00-3:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion: Brokering Policy Change and Partnering in High School Innovation**

Location: North Carolina New Schools Project Office

Janice Davis, Deputy State Superintendent, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; JB Buxton, Senior Educational Advisor to Gov. Easley; Tony Habit, President, North Carolina New Schools Project

*This group of state policy leaders will discuss North Carolina high school reform strategies and innovative high school initiatives from their perspectives. The discussion will include lessons learned and future challenges and opportunities.*

**3:15-4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion with Elected Official and Policymakers: Supporting High School Reform—Building Consensus**

Location: North Carolina New Schools Project Office

Howard Lee, Chairman of the State Board of Education; June Atkinson, North Carolina State Superintendent for Public Instruction; Tricia Willoughby, Executive Director, North Carolina Business Committee for Education; Erksine Bowles, President, University of North Carolina System

*Elected officials and policymakers will discuss strategies used to build consensus and future opportunities to strengthen and deepen their agenda for change.*

**4:15 p.m. Return to hotel and free time before dinner (short walk to hotel)**

**5:30 – 9:00 PM Wine Tasting and Dinner, hosted by Office of Governor Easley**

Sullivan's Steakhouse  
441 Glenwood Ave  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
<http://www.sullivansteakhouse.com/>



## **Friday, October 6, 2006**

**7:00 a.m.**                    **Board bus for school visit**  
*Box breakfasts available on bus*

**9:00-11:00 a.m.**        **Information Technology High School**  
11344 Deep Branch Road  
Pembroke, NC 28372  
910- 522-1789  
Sheila Gasque, Principal

*Information Technology High School (ITHS) is a new Information Technology (IT) high school located in rural North Carolina. ITHS is a small, autonomous school with an academically rigorous curriculum, in which state-of-the-art technology is integrated into all aspects of the curriculum with emphasis on research and practical applications. North Carolina's IT high schools utilize IT as a vehicle to support rigorous and relevant learning. The school, developed in partnership with New Technology Foundation, opened with grades 9 and 10 for its first year of operation in fall 2006.*

**11:30-1:30 p.m.**        **Robeson Early College High School**  
5160 Fayetteville Road  
Lumberton, NC 28359  
*Lunch at school*  
Wesley Revels, Principal, Robeson Early College High School  
910-737-5232; Dr. Charles Chrestman, President, Robeson Community College, 910-738-7101

*In September 2004, Governor Easley initiated the Learn and Earn Early College High Schools Initiative to provide students with an opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree or two years of transferable college credits in five years. Robeson Early College High School, located on the campus of Robeson Community College, is a Learn and Earn high school. There are 13 Learn and Earn schools currently in operation across the state and Governor Easley plans to have Learn and Earn schools serving students in all 100 North Carolina counties by 2008.*

**1:30 p.m.**                    **Adjourn**

**1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**        **Board bus to Raleigh-Durham International Airport**

**Schedule departing flights no earlier than 5:30 pm on Friday, October 6, 2006.**