



**A VISION FOR REDESIGNED HIGH SCHOOLS:  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STATE POLICY LEADERS  
New York, New York  
May 25-26, 2006**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006**

**Evening**                      **Arrive New York City**

**Hotel**                        **Hotel 57**  
130 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10022  
212-753-8841  
[www.hotel57.com](http://www.hotel57.com)  
Check-in: 3:00 p.m.; check-out: 12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 25, 2006**

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m.**        **Continental welcome breakfast at Opia, hotel restaurant & bar**  
Welcome by American Youth Policy Forum, National Conference of State Legislatures, and National Governors Association

**8:45 a.m.**                **Board bus for briefing**

**9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**    **South Brooklyn Community High School**  
173 Conover Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
718-422-1915  
Vanda Belusic, Principal  
Contact: Rachel Forsyth, 646-208-6367

*Opened in the 2002-2003 school year, South Brooklyn Community High School (SBCHS) is a small school designed for young people who, after initial enrollment in 9th grade, have dropped out of high school. Jointly operated by the Department of Education and Good Shepherd Services, a private youth development and social services agency, SBCHS provides considerable support and services to students to ensure that students continue in school and graduate with a regular diploma. The school is committed to heterogeneous grouping that integrates a standards-based instructional model with the best practices in youth development. With an accelerated credit program, students have the opportunity to earn more than 15 credits a year.*

**11:30 p.m.**              **Board bus for briefing at the NYC Department of Education**



**Thursday, May 25, 2006 (continued)**

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Briefing**

**Speaker: James Liebman, Chief Accountability Officer**

New York City Department of Education

52 Chambers Street

New York NY 10007

Contact: Siobhan Kennedy, 212-374-5468

*James Liebman was appointed Chief Accountability Officer in New York City in the 2005-2006 school year. In his new position, Liebman reports directly to the Chancellor and leads the implementation of city's new accountability initiatives. Prior to this appointment, Liebman was the Simon H. Rifkind Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. He has extensive litigation and teaching experience, including many years at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.*

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Joel Klein, Chancellor of Education, New York City**

New York City Department of Education

Room 113

Contact: Lindsey Matthews, Special Assistant to Chancellor, 212-374-3408

*In July 2002, Joel Klein was appointed Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, where he oversees more than 1350 schools with over 1.1 million students, 140,000 employees, and a \$15 billion budget. Before his appointment, Klein was Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Bertelsmann, Inc., one of the world's largest media companies. Prior to that, Klein was Assistant Attorney General in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division. Klein has also served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and as the antitrust division's principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. His appointment to the U.S. Justice Department came after Klein served two years as deputy counsel to President William Clinton.*

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Peer-to-Peer Discussion**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Travel to hotel (Free time before dinner)**

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Dinner and Briefing at Opia, hotel restaurant & bar**

**Speaker: Michael Rebell, Campaign for Educational Equity**

*Michael A. Rebell, J.D., is Executive Director of the Campaign for Educational Equity at Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to that, he was executive director and co-founder of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) for 13 years. During that period, CFE has won a series of verdicts in New York state courts, culminating with the decision last November by a panel of special judicial masters recommending that New York City receive an additional \$5.6 billion in school operating funds and \$9.2 billion in school facilities funds from New York State. Additionally, Rebell is the author of two books, *Educational Policy Making and the Courts and Equality and Education*, and dozens of articles on law and education.*



**Friday, May 26, 2006**

**CHECK OUT OF HOTEL**

**7:15 a.m. Board Bus to breakfast briefing**

**8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Speakers:** Sheila Evans-Tranumn, Associate Commissioner of Education  
New York State Education Department; Vice Chancellor Adelaide Sanford,  
New York Board of Regents  
55 Hanson Place, Suite 416 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
(718) 722-2796  
Contact: Cassandra Grant, Assistant

**9:15 a.m. Board Bus to school site**

**9:45 – 11:15 a.m. The Bronx Academy of Letters**  
339 Morris Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10451  
Phone: (718) 292-1052  
Joan Sullivan, Founding Principal  
<http://www.bronxletters.com>

*The Bronx Academy of Letters is built on the idea that learning to read and write well is the key to success in any academic endeavor. The Bronx Academy of Letters, launched in partnership with the Urban Assembly, New Visions for Public Schools, and the New York City Department of Education, provides students with this key within the context of a rigorous, college-preparatory academic program aligned with state standards and assessments. The 4-year high school, opened in the 2003-2004 school year, has nearly 250 students and small classes. All academic courses include interdisciplinary project-based learning resulting in the development of portfolios. All students are required to develop postsecondary plans and record their progress against the plans.*

**11:15 a.m. Board bus to briefing**



**Friday, May 26, 2006 (continued)**

**11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Core Team Governing Body**  
**Speakers: Michele Cahill, New York City Department of Education; Ron Chaluisan, New Visions for Public Schools; Joseph Colletti, United Federation of Teachers; Mindy Hernandez, Carnegie Corporation of New York**

52 Broadway (UFT Office)  
New York, New York 10001  
Contact: Joseph Colletti, 212 598-9235  
*Lunch provided*

*The Core Team Governing Body includes representatives of the New York City Department of Education, United Federation of Teachers, Council of School Supervisors and Administrators of the City of New York, the foundation community that is supporting high school reform, and intermediary organizations like New Visions for Public Schools. This group helps to oversee the education reform process in New York City.*

**1:00 p.m. Board bus for school visit**

**1:45 – 4:00 p.m. Middle College High School and International High School at LaGuardia Community College**  
**Welcome** by Dr. Gail Mellow, President, LaGuardia Community College;  
**Overview** by Dr. Cecilia Cunningham, Director, Middle College National Consortium; Aaron Listhaus, Principal, Middle College High School; and Lee Pan, Principal, International High School  
31-10 Thomson Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
718-349-4001 (MCHS) and 718-482-5455 (IHS)

*The Middle College High School program on the campus of LaGuardia Community College (LGCC) is the oldest model in the US of a program that houses high school students on a community college campus and allows them to take college courses while in high school. The middle college program is evolving into the early college high school model, which is a more comprehensive approach to preparing students for college which is designed to allow student to achieve two years of college credit or an Associate's degree in four to five years while still in high school. International High School, a separate program on the campus of LGCC, serves immigrant students and also uses the early college high school model.*

**4:00 -4:30 p.m. Debrief and Next Steps**

**4:30 p.m. -----Meeting Adjourned-----**