



Upcoming Events

Briefing:

Informing Federal Education Policy Through Lessons from New York City

Monday, January 25, 2010 ♦ 11:30 am – 3:30 pm (Lunch included)

Washington Court Hotel, Ballroom, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Featuring

Joel Klein, Chancellor, *New York City Public Schools*

Bob Wise, President, *Alliance for Excellent Education*

Additional participants TBA

As federal policymakers look for ways to systemically improve high school outcomes—through actions such as the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—they are eagerly looking to districts that have been engaged in major reform to understand the implications for supporting and encouraging these reforms at scale. One relevant case study is New York City (NYC)—the nation’s largest and most diverse school district—where district leaders have prioritized redesigning high schools and improving outcomes as part of a districtwide reform effort. These efforts have caught the attention of advocates, policymakers, and educators across the country for the breadth of changes implemented as well as the preliminary indications of success in improving student outcomes and closing achievement gaps. Building on the parallels between the NYC experience and the federal policy conversation, this briefing will provide an opportunity to look at lessons learned as part of NYC’s efforts to improve high school outcomes and to identify federal policy recommendations that emerge from that experience.

Briefing:

America’s Rural High Schools: Challenges and Opportunities for Success

Friday, February 5, 2010 ♦ 9:00 – 10:45 am

Newseum, Room 705, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

When rural high schools are strong, they provide twenty-first-century students with high-level knowledge, skills, and technology needed to succeed in college, careers, and life. In too many rural communities, however, that is not the case. With more than 3.4 million American students currently attending rural high schools, these troubling outcomes are more than a “local” problem; they are a national crisis. Given the local and national implications of the rural high school crisis, practitioners, education leaders, and policymakers need to understand the challenges facing rural high schools as well as the inherent assets that rural schools bring to the national education reform debate. At this briefing, the Alliance for Excellent Education will share the findings of its new report *Current Challenges and Opportunities in Preparing Rural High School Students for Success in College and Careers: What Federal Policymakers Need to Know* and explore important federal policy considerations for rural high schools.

Webinar:

America's Rural High Schools: Challenges and Opportunities for Success

Friday, February 5, 2010 ♦ 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST

Following the morning release of its new report, *Current Challenges and Opportunities in Preparing Rural High School Students for Success in College and Careers: What Federal Policymakers Need to Know*, the Alliance for Excellent Education will host a webinar to provide policymakers an opportunity to learn more from the field and to connect local stakeholders with the national policy conversation on this topic. A brief presentation on the report will be followed by an interactive conversation with panelists using questions submitted by participants from the around the country.

To register for the webinar, visit <http://newmediamill.com/webcasts/all4ed/register/>

Invitations and additional information will follow for the events listed above.

In the interim, please direct questions to Shawnice Hood at (202) 828-0828 or all4ed@all4ed.org.