AGENDA (timeframes are estimated for planning purposes)

1. Roll Call

2. Board Member Participation by Other Means

3. Public Participation 8:30 –8:35 a.m.

4. Minutes of the May Board Operations Committee Meeting (pp. 2-4)

*5. Review Nominations for Recognition  8:35 – 8:40 a.m. (pp. 5)

6. Board Retreat Planning (Chris Ward, Superintendent Koch)  8:40 – 8:50 a.m. (pp. 6-7)

*7. NASBE and ECS Membership (Superintendent Koch)  8:50 – 8:55 a.m. (pp. 8-22)

8. Committee Agenda Planning/Additional Items (no committee meetings until September)

9. Committee Wrap-up – as needed (Superintendent Koch)  8:55 – 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in committee and action may be taken in the plenary session.
A. ROLL CALL: Dr. Chris Ward called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and announced that all members were present. (See roll call above.)

B. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEANS: None.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

D. COMMITTEE MINUTES: Dr. Fields moved that the minutes of the April 2009 Board Operations Committee for be approved. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed on a unanimous voice vote.

E. REVIEW NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION: Dr. Hall moved that resolutions for Glenna Bartell, a member of the Champaign-Ford Regional Board of School Trustees, the READY program (ROE 9 Regional Safe School Program), and for Trish Jackson, Superintendent of Metamora Grade School be recommended for approval. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. NASBE NOMINATIONS: Dr. Hall moved that the nomination of Dr. Chris Ward to continue to serve on the NASBE Board of Directors be forwarded to plenary session. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. BOARD BYLAWS & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: Mr. Ruiz explained that the Joint Education Committee statute had been repealed, therefore there is a need for a technical revision to the Board’s Bylaws. Mr. Ruiz also announced that with the appointment of Mr. Clark to the Education Funding Advisory Board, he has appointed Ms. Joyce Karon to serve as Chairperson of the Board’s Finance and Audit Committee of the Whole. Dr. Hall moved that the revision to the Bylaws be moved to plenary session. Dr. Fields seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

H. BOARD RETREAT PLANNING: Dr. Ward asked for a volunteer to meet with him and the Superintendent to narrow down the agenda for the 2009 Board retreat. Ms. Karon volunteered to meet with Dr. Koch and Dr. Ward for this purpose. Dr. Ward asked each Board member to send their
two preferred topics Jean Ladage. Jean will forward the results of the poll to Dr. Ward and Ms. Karon prior to their meeting with the Superintendent.

Retreat suggestions included:

1) **Board Self-Evaluation:** It was helpful to have Mr. Gene Wilhoit assist in the Board’s reflection and evaluation, and to help lead the discussion for looking to the future. It was suggested that the Board members reflect back to a prior list of priorities that members hoped to accomplish, evaluate and reprioritize. It is important to get feedback from education stakeholders and agency divisions as well. How can the Board strengthen inter-Board/Agency communications and between other agencies?

2) **Compressed Planning/Strategic Review** – Board and staff review of policies, options, practices and services resulting in comprehensive review of resources.

3) **Partnerships with Districts in School Improvement** – Continuation of last year’s discussion regarding partnerships between ISBE and school districts in school improvement.

4) **Equity in School Finance and Maintain Good Programs**
   a) The McKinsey Report *(suggested background reading)*
   b) Richard Rothstein’s *Proficiency for All.* *(suggested background reading)*
   c) Review David Berliner’s study prior to the retreat as a basis for reviewing the effectiveness of some of the programs we are funding.
   d) Another suggested read is the book *Nudge* by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein. The book discusses choice architecture.

5) **Prepare for FY11 Budget development** – reflect on recent budgets and discuss if funds were effectively spent. (Number of students served, evaluation of program.) Step back and take a look at programs utilizing the conceptual framework introduced at Harvard last summer to be sure everything is *hitting the core.*

6) **Jumpstart Good Ideas** – What can our boards do with systems that don’t work? How can we frame them in a way to provide more flexibility for learning? (Environmental stewards, better communication skills, help students to build better community relationships.)

7) **Review the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** – What districts took advantage of the stimulus in FY09, what districts did not? What is coming from ARRA for FY10?

8) **Chronically Underperforming Schools** – What can the State Board do? (#8 related to #3)

9) **High School Reform & Career & Technical Education** (This is now one of the topical discussions that Superintendent Koch has suggested be held in conjunction with the release of the CTE Annual Report – as discussed in the mandated reports discussion in Board Ops.)

10) **Understand the Relationship of the Longitudinal Data System** to everything the Board does, and how might the Board use the information to set policy? What are the plans? How will the information be translated to keep it from becoming overwhelming to our stakeholders?

11) **What Policies Might Stimulate Online Education** to support international standards?

12) **Work Study** – Possibly take on either the “Quality School Indicators” or “Partnerships to Stem Violence in Schools” issues.
I. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF DATES FOR 2010 BOARD CALENDAR: The Board took a preliminary look at the suggested 2010 dates and the possibility of reducing the number of Board meetings per year. It was determined that the work of the Board could not feasibly be accomplished in nine meetings and that we should retain the 11-month schedule. Ms. Karon indicated she would inquire about possible locations for a North Cook meeting.

J. BOARD REVIEW OF MANDATED REPORTS: Dr. Koch suggested that the Board review agency reports via topical discussions. He indicated the reports will continue to be shared with members as they are forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly, but he recommended that agenda planning be driven by substantive policy discussions around the report topics, rather than due dates. Dr. Koch indicated that he has suggested to the Donors Forum that they may be able to assist staff in analyzing the data around some of these topics.

The Superintendents recommended topics for substantive discussions were:

- January – Special Education (Special Education reports)
- June - Strategic Plan - Strategic Plan Progress Report
- September - Teacher Preparation, Induction & Mentoring
- September through January - Comprehensive Education Plan and Annual Budget
- October - Early Childhood and Preschool reports
- November – Update on District/School Improvement
- December - School Finance (EFAB Report, Capital Needs Assessment, etc.)
- December – State Board Annual Report
- December - Charter Schools and a Status Report of Prairie Crossing Charter School
- Bilingual Education (Transitional Bilingual Education Report – one month prior to release of the report)
- High School Reform (Timing to be determined)
  - Drop outs and Re-Enrolling Students
  - Career and Technical Education Report (due December 31)
  - NASBE High School Policy Grant

K. COMMITTEE AGENDA PLANNING: Next month the Board will finalize the retreat agenda and discuss NASBE membership renewal.

L. COMMITTEE WRAP-UP: Dr. Koch wrapped up the meeting with a summary of the discussion. The committee discussed the nominations for recognition and the nomination of Dr. Ward for the NASBE Board of Directors. The committee also recommended a slight change in the Board Bylaws. Board members will forward their preferred topics for retreat discussion to Jean Ladage who will compile the results and forward them to Dr. Ward, Ms. Karon and Dr. Koch. Ms. Ladage will work on the 2010 calendar and return with a final recommendation for locations, which will include a North Cook meeting. Finally, the Committee reviewed and made suggested additions to the Superintendent’s recommendation for reviewing mandated reports allowing the topics to drive the Board’s agenda. Dr. Koch will pursue the assistance of outside sources to analyze the data in these reports in order to allow for a more informed policy-making discussion around these topics.

M. ADJOURN: Dr. Hall moved that the Board Operations Meeting of the Whole be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The committee meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Chris Ward, Chair, Board Operations Committee
Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator

Materials: Nomination(s)

Agenda Topic: Review Nominations for Board Recognition

Purpose of Agenda Item
To review incoming nominations received since the last Board meeting. Nomination materials that are received will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board’s Strategic Plan
This item has no direct relationship to the Strategic Plan. The State Board’s Recognition Program was developed to show the Board’s support for the outstanding work of educators, staff and school boards that are serving all children in this state.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
Recommendation of Board action.

Background Information
In May, 2005, the Board initiated a Board Recognition Program to become more proactive in its efforts to recognize the exemplary achievements of students, teachers, school administrators, and local board members in Illinois. Upon review and acceptance, the State Board of Education will pass a resolution describing the particulars of the achievement. The signed resolutions will be presented in one of the following three ways:

- mailed to the recipient(s);
- personally awarded to the individual(s) at their respective school(s); or
- presented to recipient(s) during the State Board meeting at which their resolution is approved

Superintendent’s Recommendation
No recommendation from the Superintendent.

Next Steps
Board Operations Committee will review the nominations received and make a recommendation based on that review.
TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Christopher J. Ward, Chairman, Board Operations Committee of the Whole
Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education

Materials: Draft 2009 Retreat Agenda

Agenda Topic: 2009 Board Retreat Planning

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this agenda item is to finalize the agenda for the 2009 Board retreat.

Background

Suggested topics were discussed at the April and May Board Operations Committee meeting. Following a discussion that Joyce Karon and I had with Superintendent Koch, a draft retreat agenda has been developed.

Expected Outcomes

Board members will finalize an agenda and preparation will begin for the 2009 Board Retreat.
NOTE: Times are approximate for planning purposes. The Board may move to go into closed session as necessary for purposes allowed in the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Retreat
Location: Parke Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
1414 N. Towanda Avenue, Bloomington

August 18 – 20, 2009

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

B. Setting the Stage (Superintendent Koch)

C. National Perspective (Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers)

D. (Closed Session) Board Self Evaluation (Other Attendees: Wilhoit, Koch, Reisberg, Morrison, Ladage)

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

E. Data Review & Strategic Plan Development Update (Superintendent Koch and Senior Staff)
   1. Discussion of Strategies Aligned to the three Board Goals
   2. Major Initiatives Aligned to the Goals and Strategies (This discussion will include many of the areas suggested for discussion by Board members.)
   3. 2010 Legislative Proposals A discussion of possible 2010 legislative proposals aligned to the goals and strategies will also be included.

Thursday, August 20, 2009

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

F. Work Study (tentative)
   Possible topics
   • Quality School Indicators
   • School District Reorganization/Consolidation
   • Partnerships to Stem Violence in Schools

10:45 a.m.

G. Plenary Session Action Items (if needed)

H. Adjourn
TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education

Agenda Topic: Membership Renewals – NASBE and ECS
Materials: Membership Information

Purpose of Agenda Item
To consider authorization of membership renewal in NASBE for 2010, as well as the payment of the assessment for membership in the Education Commission of the States.

NASBE Membership
Each Spring NASBE invites all 50 states to renew their membership in the association for the coming year.

The Board Services Office has received a copy of the NASBE invoice for the 2010 Association dues. Again this year, as part of the dues, NASBE is offering all member boards the option of establishing a separate account for the explicit purpose of state board professional development. This professional development account is a way of helping members access the professional development critical to success. The account will be managed by NASBE and will be accessed to support travel, registration and other costs as necessary. If money is left over at the end of the year, it will be rolled over into the new fiscal year. State Boards may opt to enter into whatever level of membership they prefer. They may choose to decline the professional development fund, or they may select from three levels of professional development funds.

NASBE membership is summarized in brief in the attached letter from NASBE Executive Director Brenda Welburn.

Education Commission of the States
(Excerpt from the ECS website)
News and information: Policymakers interested in particular education topics generally can find what they need on the ECS Web site or can get more detailed information from the Clearinghouse. For further access to timely education policy news, ECS has two flagship electronic publications: e-Clips, a daily roundup of the nation's top education news and e-Connection, a weekly bulletin highlighting state policy trends, new reports, upcoming meetings and events, useful Web sites and ECS news. ECS also publishes Citizenship Matters, which examines efforts to improve citizenship education in our nation's schools.

Policy research and analysis: ECS keeps policymakers on the leading edge of what's happening in the states by gathering, analyzing and disseminating information about current and emerging issues, trends and innovations in state education policy. Staff directors, policy analysts and researchers work in conjunction with ECS constituents and education policymakers on today's most critical education issues.
State, regional and national policy conferences: ECS’ state, regional and national seminars, workshops and conferences provide policymakers and educators with opportunities to share ideas and learn from one another, as well as experts from across the country. Each year, the National Forum on Education Policy brings together policymakers and practitioners from all levels and all roles in education to discuss and debate the day’s hottest education topics.

Customized technical assistance: ECS tailors its services to individual states' needs, interests and resources to help policymakers make the right decisions for their state. Policy audits, legislative testimony, meetings, research and consultation and advice are geared to particular issues and concerns; they are not "one size fits all."

Publications: In addition to operating an extensive Web site, ECS releases numerous print publications each year. The current list of studies, reports and policymaker guides includes more than 100 titles on topics ranging from accountability to vouchers. ECS also publishes a bimonthly report, The Progress of Education Reform.

Networks and partnerships: ECS supports and participates in various networks for legislators, legislative aides, governors' education policy aides and others to promote the sharing of information, ideas and resources at the state and national levels. ECS is also working on a number of initiatives in partnership with other organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of Chief State School Officers and Just for the Kids.

**Current ECS Commissioners from Illinois**
- Ed Geppert, President, IL Federation of Teachers
- Brenda Holmes, Member, State Board of Education
- Christopher Koch, Superintendent of Education
- Kevin McCarthy, State Representative
- Pat Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois

**Recommended Motion:**
The Superintendent recommends the following motion be adopted.

The State Board of Education authorizes renewal of NASBE membership for 2010, including the middle-range professional development account for use by Illinois members. However, due to the economic crisis Illinois is facing at this time, the Board agrees that membership in the Education Commission of the States should be suspended for FY10.

**Next Steps**
Upon Board approval staff will process dues payment after the beginning of the fiscal year.
May 15, 2009

Ms. Jean Ladage
Office of the Superintendent
100 N. First Street, S405
Springfield, IL 62777

Dear Jean:

Enclosed is the 2010 invoice for NASBE dues. The timing of the invoice reflects the diversity of fiscal calendars among the states and affords your state the flexibility of paying anytime between now and the end of the year.

As you know, NASBE is the only organization committed to the professional development and information needs of lay leaders in education. Recognizing the challenging fiscal climate we all face, I believe it is more important than ever to have you and the Illinois State Board of Education involved and engaged in NASBE. State education agencies struggle with capacity issues, and while we can’t do all of your work for you, we are a resource that you can use to fill in the gaps. Equally important is the information and support we provide to your members to make them better policymakers.

In the coming year we will continue to provide:

- High quality professional development for Boards and Board Members including:
  - Study Groups that allow members to explore in-depth critical education issues and develop recommendations for policymakers across the nation;
  - Convening opportunities for State Board Members such as: the Annual Conference, Legislative Conference, New State Board Members’ institute and Topical Conferences;
  - Competitive mini-grants for Board initiatives in targeted areas, such as High School Redesign and school turn around strategies;
  - In-state assistance and field services for Board retreats, strategic planning and issue-based workshops;

- A subscription to the State Education Standard, NASBE’s highly respected quarterly journal, dedicated to state education policy issues;

- NASBE’s Resource Information Binder, including education research and analysis, federal legislative updates, legal briefs on education issues in litigation, tips on effective policymaking, coverage of education reform efforts across the nation, and other vital resource documents;
• All NASBE publications, including three to four reports annually that address topics through in-depth, original research, and provide state and local leaders with recommendations for action;

• Access to “Education Policy Central”, NASBE’s expansive clearinghouse of educational resources, including power point presentations, policy recommendations, reports, and research data, available through the “Members Only” section of our web site;

• Representation of State Board views in Congress and with the Executive Branch;

• Public relations support and services for State Boards.

In order to help NASBE help Boards in these difficult times the NASBE Board of Directors made two important decisions regarding the 2010 dues. First there will be no increase in dues over the 2009 rate. Second, the Board recommended that the dues invoices include the professional development line-item to assist Boards in their NASBE sponsored professional development. If you do not wish to have this line item included in your payment, there is a form to opt out of this service and a description of how the professional development accounts work.

As the Board Executive in Illinois you are an integral part of NASBE’s success and we deeply appreciate and value our partnership with you. We look forward to working with you in the future and hope you will let us know how we can continue to assist you and your Board as they work to serve the children in your state.

Sincerely,

[Brenda Lilienthal Welburn]

Brenda Lilienthal Welburn
Executive Director

Enc.
**INVOICE**

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2010 NASBE DUES INCLUDES $5,000 IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR NASBE ACTIVITIES.

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DECLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS  
DEDUCT $5,000 FROM TOTAL INVOICE

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ADDITIONAL $2,500 FOR PROFESSIONAL DEV.  
ADD $2,500 TO TOTAL INVOICE

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ADDITIONAL $5,000 FOR PROFESSIONAL DEV.  
ADD $5,000 TO TOTAL INVOICE

PLEASE SEND COPY OF INVOICE WITH PAYMENT

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INVOICE TOTAL: 45,874.00
NASBE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT (PDA)

Your NASBE Professional Development Account (PDA) has been established to provide support to board members who wish to participate in NASBE activities such as attending conferences, study group meetings, travel and other related activities.

"NASBE exists to strengthen State Boards as the preeminent educational policymaking bodies for students and citizens"

Guidelines directing the use of the funds are as follows:

- Use of the funds must be specified and approved by the State Board.

- NASBE must be notified of the state’s intention to use funds from the account prior to use.

- Funds will be drawn down as used, and any left over funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year.

- Requests for lodging will be handled by NASBE and must be received prior to hotel cut off dates in order to secure group rate.

- Conference fees may be paid directly from the account with prior approval by checking the appropriate box on the registration form.

- Travel arrangements may be handled through NASBE’s travel agency for direct billing, by the Board Executive Director or by the traveling State Board member. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement to the state or to the State Board member.

- A quarterly report will be sent to the state reflecting usage and balance of the professional development account.

- Funds from the NASBE professional development account may not be used for non-NASBE related activities.

For additional information please contact:
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www.nasbe.org
May 15, 2009

Christopher Koch
Superintendent of Education
Illinois Board of Education
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL 62777

Dear Dr. Koch:

On behalf of the Education Commission of the States (ECS), I wish to thank you for your continued stewardship of the ECS compact this past year. ECS is a unique and vital mechanism that helps states and territories share information, ideas and best practices in education reform, and invest their resources more strategically. Given the tough economic times and contemporary education challenges we face, there has never been a better time for ECS to connect governors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials and other key stakeholders to improve our students’ outcomes and global competitiveness.

Enclosed is Illinois’ annual state assessment for 2009-10. In light of the budget difficulties many states are facing, we have not raised the assessment in three years. Yet we have made it a priority to maintain the same level of expertise, resources, and products. ECS continues to conduct research and policy analysis, create networking opportunities for state policymakers and provide customized technical assistance to state agencies and legislatures. We also continue to work with state leaders in aligning education policy across all levels (e.g. state, district, school) and with other state agencies (e.g. corrections, labor, social services).

The ECS compact comprises the states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. Each is represented by seven commissioners such as the governor, legislators, chief state school officers, state and local school board members, higher education officials and business and community leaders. This combination of education leaders from all education levels – preschool through college – makes ECS unique among national education-related organizations. Illinois’ current ECS commissioners are:

- Ed Geppert, President, Illinois Federation of Teachers
- Pat Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois
- Kevin McCarthy, Representative, Illinois House of Representatives
- Christopher Koch, Superintendent of Education, Illinois Board of Education
- Brenda Holmes, Board Member, Illinois State Board of Education
Christopher Koch  
May 15, 2009  
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ECS is an organization that continually evolves and responds to critical education issues. This year, ECS is partnering with Microsoft and the International Society on Technology in Education (ISTE) to host a Global Education Competitiveness Summit that will bring together state teams to hear foreign leaders discuss best practices that result in students being able to compete globally. At our 2009 National Forum on Education Policy, we will focus on ways that education can ignite the economy, as well as how states have spent or plan to spend funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

I encourage you to visit the ECS Web site at www.ecs.org to learn more about all of our exciting events and the extensive services and products we provide. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at rsampson@ecs.org or 303-299-3624. ECS is ready and equipped to support Illinois!

Sincerely,

Roger Sampson  
President

cc:   Ms. Brenda Holmes  
The Honorable Pat Quinn

Enclosures
INVOICE # 2010IL
DATE 5/15/2009

Dr. Christopher Koch
Superintendent of Education
Illinois Board of Education
100 N. First Street
Springfield, IL  62777

cc:  Ms. Brenda Holmes
     The Honorable Pat Quinn

Annual State Assessment
for Illinois
Interstate Compact for Education

Assessment for Fiscal Year:  07/01/09 - 06/30/10  $120,800

Due and payable by July 1, 2009

Please return a copy of the invoice with payment to ECS, Attention: Accounting Dept.

State Statutory Reference:  45 ILCS 90/0.01 - 90/4
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Please direct inquiries on billing to: Antionette Garcia, 303-299-3624.

Assessment for 2011 (07/01/2010 – 06/30/2011) will be $120,800.
ECS Commissioners by State

Steering Committee members appear in bold.
Alabama  
- Stephanie Bell  
  Member, State Board of Education  
- Larry Dixon  
  State Senator  
- Mac Gipson  
  State Representative  
- Sally Howell  
  Exec. Dir. Assn. of School Boards  
- Richard Lindsey  
- Caroline Novak  
  President, A+ Education Foundation  
- Bob Riley  
  Governor, State of Alabama  

Alaska  
- Con Bunde  
  State Senator  
- Esther Cox  
  Chair, State Board of Education  
- Laraine Derr  
  President, Chez Alaska Cooking School  
- Carl Gatto  
  State Representative  
- Larry LeDoux  
  Commissioner of Education  
- Sarah Palin  
  Governor, State of Alaska  
- Carl Rose  
  Exec. Dir. Assn. of School Boards  

Arizona  
- Linda Gray  
  Vice Chair, Senate Education K-12 Committee  
- John Huppenthal  
  Chair, Sen. Educ. Accountability/Reform  

Arkansas  
- Gilbert Baker  
  State Senator  
- Mike Beebe  
  Governor, State of Arkansas  
- Terri Hardy  
  Director, Ctr for Educ. & Public Policy  
  Ouachita Baptist College  
- Kaneaster Hodges  
  Attorney; Former U.S. State Senator  
- T. Kenneth James  
  Superintendent, Dept. of Education  
- Calvin Johnson  
  Dean, School of Education  
  Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  

California  
- Elaine Alquist  
  State Senator  
- Wilmer Amina Carter  
  Assemblymember, State of CA  
- Jack O'Connell  
  Superintendent of Public Instruction  
- Arnold Schwarzenegger  
  Governor, State of California  
- Kent Wong  
  Director, Ctr for Labor Research & Educ., UCLA  

Colorado  
- Matt Gianneschi  
  Senior Policy Analyst  
  State of Colorado  
- Evie Hudak  
  State Senator  
- Beverly Ingle  
  President, Colorado Education Assn.  
- Dwight Jones  
  Commissioner of Education  
- Andrew Kerr  
  State Representative  
- Barbara O'Brien  
  Lt. Governor, State of Colorado  
- Bill Ritter  
  Governor, State of Colorado  

Connecticut  
- Francis Brennan  
  Director, Univ. of Connecticut  
- Sam Caligiuri  
  State Senator  
- Cheryl Dickinson  
  Professor, Southern CT State Univ.  
- Andrew Fleischmann  
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- Mary Ann Handley  
  Chair, Senate Higher Educ. & Employment Advancement Comm.  
- M. Jodi Rell  
  Governor, State of Connecticut  
- Patricia Sidas  
- Betty Sternberg  
  Superintendent, Greenwich Schools  

Delaware  
- Sally Coonin  
  Education Policy Advisor, State of DE  
- Jack Markell  
  Governor, State of Delaware  
- Teresa Schooley  
  Chair, House Education Committee  
- David Sokola  
  Chair, Senate Education Committee  
- James Wolfe  
  Pres./CEO, State Chamber of Commerce  

District of Columbia  
- James W. Dyke  
  Chair, UDC Board of Trustees  
- Adrian Fenty  
  Mayor, District of Columbia  
- Deborah Gist  
  State Superintendent  
- Vincent Gray  
  Chairman, Council of the D.C.  
- Lisa Raymond  
  President, State Board of Education  
- Allen Sessoms  
  President, UDC  

Florida  
- Charlie Crist  
  Governor, State of Florida  
- Anitere Flores  
  Chair, House K-12 Education Comm.  
- Frances Haithcock  
  Chancellor, Florida Dept. of Education  
- Evelyn Lynn  
- Eric Smith  
  Commissioner of Education  
- Stephen Wise  
  Chair, Senate Education Pre-K-12 Appropriations Committee  

Georgia  
- Kathy Cox  
  State Superintendent of Schools  
- Erroll Davis  
  Chancellor, Bd. of Regents  
- Jan Jones  
  Vice-Chair, House Approp. Comm.  
- Sonny Perdue  
  Governor, State of Georgia  
- Daniel Weber  
  Chair, Senate Educ. & Youth Comm.
Hawaii
- Lyla Berg  
  Vice Chair, House Educ. Comm.
- Ann Botticelli  
  Kamehameha Schools
- Patricia Hamamoto  
  Superintendent of Education
- Linda Lingle  
  Governor, State of Hawaii
- Norman Sakamoto  
  Senate Majority Floor Leader & 
  Chair, Senate Educ. & Housing Comm.
- Rose Tseng  
  Chancellor, Univ. of Hawaii at Hilo
- Dale Webster

Idaho
- John Andreason  
  State Senator, Idaho Senate
- John Goedde  
  Chair, Senate Education Committee
- David Hawk
- Bob Nonini  
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- C.L. Otter  
  Governor, State of Idaho

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  Governor, State of Indiana
- Teresa Lubbers  
  Chair, Senate Educ. & Career Dev.  
  Comm. & Asst. Majority Leader
- Gregory Porter  
  Chair, House Education Committee
- Earline Rogers  
  State Senator

Iowa
- Daryl Beall  
  State Senator
- Nancy Boettger  
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Mississippi

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• Mapu Paopao
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• Tuana’itau Tuia
  State Senator
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