

Tuesday Evening

June 24th ~ 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Conversations About Leading Change in Turbulent Times

Timothy Breslin

*Principal
Farmington High School
Farmington Public Schools*

Leon McKinley

*Director of Elementary
Intervention
Hartford Public Schools*

This conference opening session will provide you with a rare opportunity to engage in meaningful discourse with a group of administrative peers from across Connecticut. Get to know each other while you enjoy discussion and reflection about the role of Connecticut administrators.

Utilize your combined experience and expertise to engage in conversation about the barriers, strategies, and factors that contribute to bringing about meaningful change. Share your recent challenges and success, and delve into the complex realities of school leadership. Take part in this collaborative opportunity as you lay the foundation for the remainder of your conference experience.

Wednesday & Thursday

June 25th & 26th ~ 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Change Leadership: Transforming Our Schools

Dr. Richard W. Lemons

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Dr. Deborah Helsing

*Program Associate
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This interactive change workshop is designed to provide teams of leaders from schools and districts with an overview of a comprehensive approach to systemic school improvement. This workshop, modeled after the Change Leadership Group's renowned "Learning Labs," introduces a new conceptual framework for change, and invites participants to try out new tools to address a specific problem or issue from their school or district. Participants will: consider how to create urgency for transformative change; diagnose your problem and envision a solution using a systemic framework; assess and strengthen your school or district's efforts to systemically produce large-scale improvements in teaching and learning; understand and work against the natural organizational and individual resistances to change; and use new change diagnostics and methodologies to diagnose your identified problem and to influence systemic change.

Wednesday Evening

June 25th ~ 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Visionary Leadership: Only the Bold Need Apply

Dr. Steve Sobel

*"Speaker Extraordinaire"
Longmeadow, Massachusetts*

This inspiring presentation is geared to elevate the thinking and power of influence each principal truly has. Learn how a sense of humor is also a leadership skill that can be developed for the emotional health of each leader and their teams and how building relationships should be a priority, even during times of stress, change and challenge. At this humorous and engaging presentation, participants will gain keen insight and specific strategies that will enhance their leadership capabilities in their schools. Emphasis will be on creating and implementing a cohesive and far reaching vision and understanding the phrase: "vision without action = hallucination!" Participants will learn what it takes to move people in the right direction, and the blessings and curses once one decides to truly lead. Come explore how to fully use and enjoy all your gifts as you find yourself in a position to influence others and help formulate new directions and decisions. Unleash "pounds of wisdom" that will allow you to truly enjoy the journey ahead as a school leader; one who is eager to enjoy the fullness of each day.

Agenda

Tuesday Evening

- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. *Registration*
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Reception*
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Mark McQuillan, Commissioner
CT State Department of Education
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. *Dinner*
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **Conversations About Leading
Change in Turbulent Times**
Timothy Breslin & Leon McKinley

Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Change Leadership:
Transforming Our Schools**
Dr. Richard W. Lemons &
Dr. Deborah Helsing
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Change Leadership:
Transforming Our Schools**
(continued)
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Comments from CSDE**
Charlene Russell Tucker
Associate Commissioner
Division of Family and Student
Support Services
- 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Networking, Reflection, &
Rejuvenation*

Wednesday Evening

- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. *Dinner*
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **Visionary Leadership:
Only the Bold Need Apply**
Dr. Steve Sobel

Thursday

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Change Leadership:
Transforming Our Schools**
(continued)
Dr. Richard W. Lemons &
Dr. Deborah Helsing
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Change Leadership:
Transforming Our Schools**
(continued)
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Closing Remarks and
Evaluation*

All reservations for overnight accommodations will be made by SERC after receipt of a completed registration form accompanied by proper payment. Please do not call the Heritage.

Check In Time - 4:00 p.m.
Check Out Time - 12:00 p.m.

Accommodations and use of resort facilities are included in the Institute registration fee. Additional fees apply for golf, mountain bikes, spa services, and overnight guests not attending the Institute.

The Heritage Inn in Southbury offers spacious accommodations in a classic Connecticut setting. Guest rooms, many with views of the Pomperaug River and golf course, are complemented by state of the art conference rooms and full resort facilities. Amenities include a fitness center, indoor/outdoor swimming pools, tennis, racquetball, ping pong, mountain biking, golf, and a variety of spa services. Fireplaces in public areas enhance the elegant atmosphere.

A little bit about the Heritage Resort & Conference Center...


25 Industrial Park Road
Middletown, CT 06457-1520

Change Leadership: Improving Instruction and Developing a Shared Vision of Good Teaching



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Annual Principals' Summer Institute Change Leadership: Improving Instruction and Developing a Shared Vision of Good Teaching



Institute Theme

Due to the overwhelming success of the previous *Principals' Summer Institutes*, the Connecticut State Department of Education, Connecticut Association of Schools, and State Education Resource Center (SERC) are once again collaborating to sponsor the 2008 *Principals' Summer Institute* themed **Change Leadership: Improving Instruction and Developing a Shared Vision of Good Teaching**.

The Institute will focus on the leadership tools needed by principals in today's climate of accountability and school reform to establish a collaborative vision of good teaching and leadership in Connecticut schools

It will provide participants with personal and professional strategies to maximize their effectiveness as school leaders to ensure high achievement for all students.

Come and enjoy two and a half days with your Connecticut colleagues as together you explore your role in closing Connecticut's achievement gaps.



2007 Participant Comments

"This was my first participant year and I really enjoyed the opportunity to network, engage in learning representative of a global society - an overlapping theme that impacts the educational system. The location was fabulous. Very relaxing with lots of amenities. A great way to end the school year!"

"Every aspect of the institute was top shelf. I enjoyed the lesson, the food, the friendliness of the staff here, etc. I loved the interaction of the "younger, newer administrators" and the more experienced folks. There seemed to be a lot of respect for various opinions."

"This is my first time here and I plan to come again. I appreciate the opportunity to network and share ideas with other administrators. I appreciate the opportunity to hear stimulating conversation about education."

"This institute is a great gift. Thanks for putting it together and making sure there is time for relaxation and networking."



Registration Information

Registration will be on a "first come, first served" basis with regional consideration. Due to limited seating, only those who can attend and actively participate in the **full** Institute, Tuesday through Thursday, should apply. Team participation is strongly encouraged.

The closing date for submitting applications is **May 20, 2008**. Please complete the application form in full (duplicates accepted), and return the completed application with check or purchase order to: **Principals' Summer Institute, SERC, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1520**. Applicants will receive written confirmation from SERC verifying participation shortly after the closing date.

Direct content questions to Julia Case, Consultant, at SERC, (860) 632-1485, extension 388. Direct registration questions to Kristy Giacco, Education Services Specialist, at extension 249.



Fees

The registration fee of **\$250.00 per participant for CAS members and \$300.00 per participant for non-CAS members**, includes accommodations for two nights at the Heritage Inn as well as all meals. Participants are strongly encouraged to apply as a team (To check district membership status, go to www.casciac.org and click on directory.)

Purchase orders will be accepted, but payment **MUST** be received prior to June 6, 2008. Check or purchase order should be made payable to **Rensselaer at Hartford**.



CEUs



SERC will award **2.0 CEUs** for full participation in the entire Institute. Participants must be pre-registered, receive written confirmation from SERC, attend all sessions, complete an evaluation form, and provide evidence of post-activity application/reflection. Evaluation forms and information about the post-activity application/reflection will be available at the Institute.

APPLICATION FORM: Principals' Summer Institute 2008 ~ Change Leadership (08-44-105)

District: _____ School/Program: _____
Name: _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Position/Role: _____ Grade Level: _____ Email Address: _____
____ Check if your school is designated as a Title I school. ____ Check if your school is a member of CAS.
Identify your district's RESC region: ____ACES ____CES ____CREC ____EASTCONN ____ED CONNECTION ____LEARN
I request: (please check all that apply) ____Vegetarian meals ____An interpreter (please specify): _____
____ Special needs accommodation (please specify): _____

Please return by **May 20, 2008** to: **Principals' Summer Institute, SERC, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1520**.