

Summer Leadership Institute

(formerly the Principals' Summer Institute)

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June 29-30, 2010

Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT

Transforming Schools: Building Capacity

Keynote Speaker: Phil Schlechty



Tuesday, June 29, 2010 – Day Session

Building Capacity

Phil Schlechty



Phil Schlechty comes out of a background as fundamental as an Ohio farm and as lofty as The Ohio State University. He is an exceptional speaker, thinker, writer, and leader. He has deep, abiding passions for equity, excellence, the public schools, and American democracy.

His unique talent lies in the ability to draw upon such diverse sources of inspiration and to develop coherence among them around issues of kids, schools, communities, and leadership.

Phil is a storyteller, and his stories (often quite funny) are usually metaphorical, linked to some important point about why, and how, schools might be transformed. He bridges disciplines, cultures, and points of view—comfortably and with keen insight. He teaches us all how to do that. He leads by example, and by asking "what if" questions.

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Tuesday, June 29, 2010 – Evening Session

ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS

Timothy Breslin, Principal, Farmington High School

Tim Breslin, who is principal of Farmington High School and was Connecticut's 2009 High School Principal of the Year, has been a school administrator for thirty-three years. He first heard Phil Schlechty speak twenty-five years ago and has since that time been a believer in Schlechty's assertion that providing students with challenging, engaging work is the most effective way to improve student learning. In his presentation Tim will discuss the critical role played by school climate in transforming schools to the point where the focus is on providing students with work that their parents, the community, and the students themselves think is satisfying and worthwhile.



Wednesday, June 30, 2010 – Day Session

TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS: THE SCHOOL CHANGE CAMPAIGN IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven Public Schools

The New Haven Public Schools have established an ambitious plan to transform their schools. The city and the school district have articulated the objectives for their reform initiatives.

These include:

- Move from incremental to exponential progress
- Close the achievement gap with the State in 5 years-which will require roughly doubling the performance of minority students at the high school level.
- Cut the drop-out rate in half
- Ensure that every graduating student has the academic ability and the financial resources to attend and succeed in college
- Be recognized as the best urban district in the country

Representatives from New Haven will present their plans and accomplishments to date in meeting their goals.

New Haven Public Schools



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Tuesday, June 29th – Day Session

- 7:30am-8:30am Registration and Refreshments
8:30am-8:45am Greetings from the Commissioner of Education
8:45am-12:00pm **Phil Schlechty—Transforming Schools**
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)
1:00pm-3:00pm Reaction Session to Phil Schlechty
3:00pm-6:00pm Networking, Reflection & Rejuvenation

Tuesday, June 29th – Evening Session

- 5:30pm-6:30pm Cocktail Reception (Terraces-Cash Bar)
6:30pm-7:30pm Dinner (Garden Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm **Tim Breslin: “Roles and Relationships in Transforming Schools”**

Wednesday, June 30th – Day Session

- 7:00am-8:30am Breakfast (Eight Mile Brook)
8:30am-12:00pm **“Transforming Schools: The School Change Campaign in New Haven,”
Presentation by New Haven Public Schools**
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)
1:00pm-2:45pm “Transforming Our Practice—Next Steps”
2:45pm-3:00pm Closing Remarks

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Institute Theme

Due to the overwhelming success of the previous Summer Institutes, the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS), with support from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), the Connecticut Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (CASCD), and the State Education Resource Center (SERC), is again sponsoring the 2010 Summer Leadership Institute theme : **Transforming Schools: Building Capacity.**

The Institute will focus on the urgency for school leaders to effect changes in their schools in today's climate of higher expectations, state and federal initiatives, 21st century learning, and diminishing resources. The reform literature puts clear emphasis on the important role of school administrators for improvements in teaching and learning. The Institute will engage participants in expanding their own knowledge and skills to lead their school communities now and into the future. It will provide participants with personal and professional strategies to maximize their effectiveness.

Come and enjoy two days with your Connecticut colleagues as together you explore your role in transforming education in the state.

Registration Information

Register on line at www.casciac.org/registration. The closing date for submitting registrations is May 28, 2010, but early registration is encouraged. Participation is limited to 120 and the Institute has "sold out" the past two years.

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 morning through Wednesday afternoon, should apply. Team participation is strongly encouraged with a maximum of twelve from any one district.

Direct institute content questions to Dennis Carrithers at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or dcarrithers@casciac.org.
Direct registration questions to Erin Guarino at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or eguarino@casciac.org.

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Fees

The registration fee of \$300.00 per participant for CAS members and \$350.00 per participant for non-CAS members, includes accommodations for two days and one night at the Heritage Inn as well as all meals and refreshments. To check school membership status, go to www.casciac.org and click on directory.

Purchase orders will be accepted, but payment MUST be received prior to June 12, 2010. Check or purchase order should be made payable to the Connecticut Association of Schools and mailed to 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410, Attn: Erin Guarino. Refunds will not be given due to cancellation or non-appearance.

CEUs



CAS will award CEUs for full participation in this Institute. Participants must be pre-registered, 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.

Participant Comments from the 2009 Institute:

"This is an excellent opportunity to communicate, collaborate and network with other administrators, as well as hear from experts on data and evaluations."

"A professional 'get away' that is critical toward reflecting on what we do and how important it is."

"I believe I'll improve my skills as an administrator and work better with my staff."

"It is an excellent reflective end to a year and a way to prepare for the next."

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A little bit about the Heritage Inn...

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. 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.

