Summer Leadership Institute

Changing the Odds for Student Success in Connecticut: What Matters Most

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tim Waters

Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Morning Session

Known nationally and internationally as an innovator, author, and leader of education improvement and reform, Dr. Waters has nearly 40 years of experience in education as a teacher and administrator, and has served as McREL’s President and CEO since 1995.

Dr. Waters speaks and writes extensively on the topic of education leadership and co-authored School Leadership that Works: From Research to Results, and District Leadership that Works: Striking the Right Balance.

By looking at the best of what works in classrooms, schools, and after-school programs, as well as what works for at-risk students and school and district leaders, McREL has identified principles for changing the odds for students.

Like the touchstones of old—black quartz tablets used to test the purity of precious metals—educators should continually return to these “touchstones” to gauge the merit and value of their endeavors.
Enjoy two days with your Connecticut colleagues as together you explore your role in transforming education in our state.

CEUs
CAS will award CEUs for full participation in this Institute. Participants must be pre-registered, attend all sessions, and complete an evaluation form.

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Afternoon Session

Facilitated Conversations: Reaction to Dr. Waters
Facilitators will be the Summer Leadership Institute Planning Committee members working under the direction of Dr. Waters. The conversations will center on the components for changing the odds discussed by Dr. Waters during the morning session.

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Evening Session

Sometimes It Works Like Magic
Robert Hale Jr., Principal, Westbrook High School
Bob Hale is the Principal of Westbrook High School and an insightful and entertaining presenter. Be prepared for something completely different when it comes to thinking about what it takes to change the odds for student success in our schools.

Wednesday, June 29, 2011
Morning Session

The Challenger:
Sue Homrok-Lemke, Principal
Henry James Middle School, Simsbury
Sue will frame the essential tasks for school and district leaders in CT. She will discuss the challenge of applying those influences that stand clearly above the rest in changing the odds for student success.

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Breakout Sessions:

Sessions will be led by those schools/districts that are engaged in the five high leverage, high payoff areas for changing the odds. Participants may attend three (3) of the five (5) breakout sessions. Each breakout session will be presented three (3) times.

- **Guaranteeing Challenging, Engaging and Intentional Instruction**
  - **Farmington High School:**
    - Tim Breslin, Principal,
    - Veronica Ruzek, Assistant Principal
    - Mary Lundquist, Math Department Chair
    - Lisa Kapsinski, World Language Department Chair
    - Joel Nick, Social Studies Dept. Chair

- **Ensuring Curricular Pathways to Success**
  - Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent, West Haven Public Schools

- **Providing Whole Child Supports**
  - Hector Sanchez, Principal,
  - Cesar Batalla School, Bridgeport

- **Creating High Performance Cultures**
  - Bob McCain, Principal,
  - Nathan Hale Middle School, Norwalk

- **Developing Data-Driven, High Reliability Systems**
  - Carol Merlone, Superintendent,
  - Ansonia Public Schools
  - Tony Gaspar, Assistant Superintendent,
  - Ansonia Public Schools

Comments from our 2010 Participants...

“This workshop has helped to inspire me! It has provided me with information and resources that will help me to lead my school in a more effective way.”

“As a new administrator, it was exciting to meet with other leaders in different areas of their careers.”

“The tone of the institute was innovative...cutting edge. It truly made me think of my role in a different way.”

“This institute is a great opportunity for reflections and conversation with colleagues across the state in a beautiful setting.”

“I always feel comfortable with CAS staff – very kind and approachable. I will encourage administrators from other schools to attend in the future.”

“I enjoy the format, rich discussions, great food and accommodations.”

“There was a great balance between listening and interaction between and among colleagues. I like the collaboration between SDE/CAS/CASD to ensure we’re all on the same page.”

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Participants will be grouped by district where possible to answer the following questions:

- What does this mean for our school/district?
- What do we need to do to make this happen?
- What are our next steps?

The Closer:

Larry Schaefer, Education Associate, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)

This presentation provides another perspective on the essential tasks of changing the odds for student success.

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 Hotel 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, 2011.

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 after June 12, 2011 or for non-appearance at the institute.

Registration Information

Register online 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. CAS will make all hotel reservations.

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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Agenda

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Morning Session
7:30am-8:30am  Registration and Refreshments
8:30am-8:45am  Greetings from the Associate Commissioner of Education
8:45am-12:00pm Changing the Odds for Student Success in Connecticut:
  What Matters Most: Dr. Tim Waters

Afternoon Session
12:00pm-1:00pm  Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)
1:00pm-3:00pm  Reaction Session to Dr. Tim Waters
3:00pm-5:30pm  Networking, Reflection & Rejuvenation

Evening Session
5:30pm-6:30pm  Cocktail Reception (Terraces-Cash Bar)
6:30pm-7:30pm  Dinner (Garden Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm  Sometimes It Works Like Magic: Robert Hale Jr., Principal, Westbrook High School

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The Heritage Hotel 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
- a variety of spa services

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.

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