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**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

**Wednesday Evening**

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Conversations About Leading Change in Turbulent Times
Timothy Breslin & Leon McKinley

**Wednesday & Thursday**

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

**Change Leadership: Transforming Our Schools**

Dr. Richard W. Lemons
Assistant Professor and Director
Ed.D. Program
Neag School of Education
University of Connecticut

Dr. Deborah Helsing
Program Associate
Change Leadership Group
Harvard Graduate School of Education

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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
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

**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.
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**Registration Information**

Registration will be on a “first come, first served” basis with 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.casinc.org and click on directory.)

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

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