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The Educational Conference Board

Presents its Third Annual Policy Conference

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For everyone committed to improving public education

Join the **Educational Conference Board**
 for a discussion of the impact the record state aid
 increase for education has on expectations for results.

December 12, 2007 • 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



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It's all about results. The new governor this year gave school districts a record amount of state aid along with new levels of accountability, all designed to help the state's students succeed and the economy improve. At the beginning of a new legislative session, it's time for the education community to meet and discuss ways for both sides to deliver on the promise.

Join your colleagues to discuss these key policy questions:

- What are the prospects for continued increases in state funding?
- Will the new Congress provide additional funding for NCLB?
- What progress is being made on creating the new accountability systems?
- How are higher education's expectations changing for New York's students?
- What new proposals are coming from the governor's Commission on Higher Education?
- How are business's expectations of New York's students changing?

Help us shape the debate on these issues for the 2008 legislative session and beyond. Plan to join us for this **premier policy conference** for answers to these questions and more. You'll be prepared to advocate on these key issues that will affect the Empire State's students and economy.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO DON'T DELAY –
Reserve your seat today and help us make a difference
in our children's future.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Location:

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Conference Cost:

\$75 – includes lunch, all materials and a
 nonrefundable \$25 administrative fee

To Register:

Fill out the registration form inside. Make out a check to the **Educational Conference Board**. Mail your registration form and your check to the ECB Policy Conference, c/o NYSSBA, 24 Century Hill Drive, Suite 200, Latham, NY 12110-2125.

Pre-Registration Deadline:

December 5, 2007. Seating is limited at this conference, so reserve your space now. Cancellations will not be refunded after the pre-registration/cancellation deadline.

Registration questions?

Call NYSSBA's Member Services Department at (800) 342-3360 or (518) 783-0200.

The New York State Educational Conference Board (ECB) is a broad

coalition of the state's major education organizations, uniting parents, teachers, school administrators and school board members to work together to enhance and improve the quality of education in New York State. Check our website at www.nysecb.org for more information.

More information:

For more information about this conference, please

contact any **ECB** affiliate organization:

↔ Conference of Big 5 School Districts
518-465-4274

↔ New York State Association of School Business Officials
518-434-2281

↔ New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers
518-452-8808

↔ New York State Council of School Superintendents
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↔ New York State School Boards Association
518-783-0200

↔ New York State United Teachers
518-213-6000

↔ School Administrators Association of New York State
518-782-0600



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AGENDA

8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

Registration

9:30 – 9:45 A.M.

Welcome and Overview

Edward L. McCormick, Chairman, Educational Conference Board

9:45 – 10:30 A.M.

Keynote Address – Planning for Results

Governor Spitzer and the Legislature made an unprecedented commitment in the 2007-08 budget to funding for schools in New York State. Hear about the governor's expectations for results and the prospects for the state being able to meet the commitment.

Dr. Manuel Rivera, Deputy Secretary to the Governor

10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Break

11:00 – NOON

Funding for Results

The state aid plan adopted by the governor and Legislature was modeled on the Board of Regents' state aid proposal. Learn about the sustainability of the four-year commitment and the Regents proposal for 2008-09 from the architect of the Regents' plan. Learn also how the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)'s requirements and lack of funding affects results, and hear about prospects for increased funding from the new Congress.

Panel: *Regent James Tallon*

Antonia Cortese, Executive Vice President, American Federation of Teachers

NOON – 12:45 P.M.

Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 P.M.

Cracker Barrel with the ECB Leaders

Find out the Educational Conference Board's priorities for the 2008-09 school year from the group's leaders.

Moderator: *Brian Taffe*, Capital News 9

Panelists: *Edward L. McCormick*, Chair; *Maria DeWald* (New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers), *Alan Lubin* (New York State United Teachers), and *Timothy G. Kremer* (New York State School Boards Association), Vice Chairs; and

Steven Van Hoesen (New York State Association of School Business Officials), Secretary-Treasurer

1:30 – 2:15 P.M.

Testing for Results

The State Education Department is required to develop a growth model accountability system for 2008-09 and a value-added model by 2010-11. Get a progress report on these new systems.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Education P - 16, New York State Education Department

2:15 – 3:30 P.M.

Accountability for Results

The 2007-08 state budget included a requirement for the Board of Regents to review the state's learning standards. Where does this requirement stand and how might these standards change? The discussion will focus in part on higher education's changing expectations for our students and the results of a preliminary report from the Governor's Higher Education Commission. Learn what business expects of our students as well.

Panel

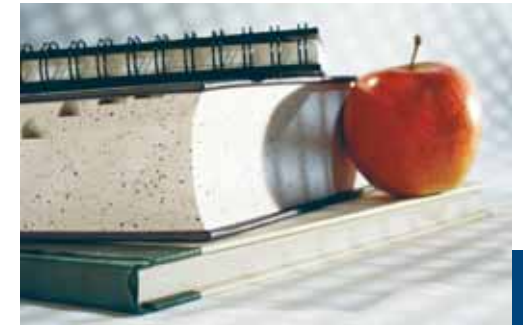
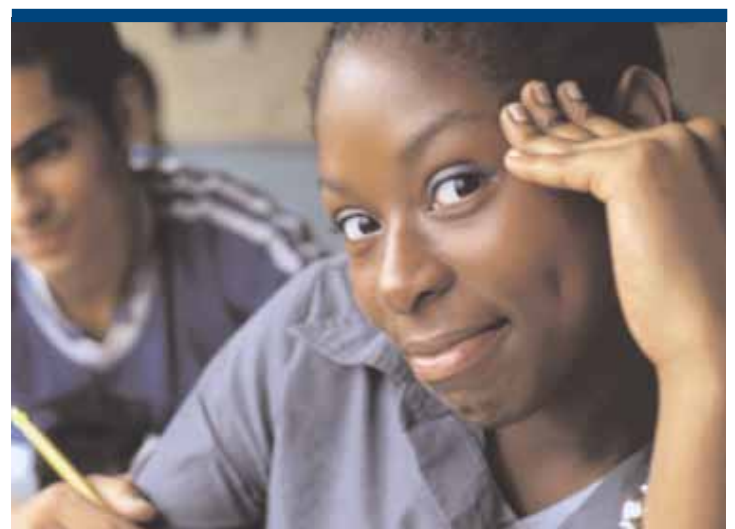
Dr. Richard P. Mills, NYS Commissioner of Education

Carl Hayden, Chancellor Emeritus of the Board of Regents and Chairman, SUNY Board of Trustees

Bruce Ventimiglia, Managing Partner, Saratoga Capital, and Co-Chair, BALCONY (Business and Labor Coalition of New York)

3:30 P.M.

Adjournment



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OR

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**Please print clearly.
You may duplicate this form.**

Name _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

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Number of people _____ x \$75 = **Total \$** _____

Payment:

Make check payable to the **Educational Conference Board**. *Sorry, credit cards and purchase orders cannot be accepted.*

Special Needs:



Please check here if you require special accommodations or special meals. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

