

AGENDA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

West Registration Desk

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN

West Registration Desk

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

SPONSORED WORKING BREAKFAST

Regency Ballroom

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

WELCOME

Adam Honeysett, Managing Director
State and Local Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Blake Myles Hopkins, 10th Grade Student
Baltimore School for the Arts
Baltimore, Maryland

INTRODUCTION

Adam Honeysett

KEYNOTE

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Gail Connelly, Executive Director
National Association of Elementary School Principals
Will Waidelich, Executive Director
Association for Middle Level Education
Josephine Franklin, Associate Director
Research and Information Resources and
Professional Development
National Association of Secondary School Principals

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Alicia Perez-Katz, Principal Ambassador Fellow
U.S. Department of Education

Congratulations.....What's Next?

Sheila Harrity, Superintendent
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Former Principal, Worcester Technical High School
Worcester, Massachusetts
2013 National Blue Ribbon School
2013 Terrel H. Bell Awardee
2013 National High School Principal of the Year

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 TERREL H. BELL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Alicia Perez-Katz, Principal Ambassador Fellow
U.S. Department of Education

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aba Kumi, Director
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#NBRS2015 CROWD-SOURCING BEST PRACTICES F

Empire Ballroom

Dennis Bega
Director, Regional Operations &
Regional Director for the South and Midwest
U.S. Department of Education

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

SESSION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Palladian Room

HARVESTING SUCCESS: Engaging Private School Leaders on Promising Practices

Office of Non-Public Education
U.S. Department of Education

- Maureen Dowling, Director, Office of Non-Public Education
- Pamela Allen, Education Program Specialist
- Isadora Binder, Management and Program Analyst
- Ashley Gardner, Management and Program Analyst
- Jenay Morrissey, Management and Program Analyst
- Chanel Sanchez, Program Support Assistant

Joe McTighe, Executive Director
Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 pm

Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

From the Field: Conversations with National Blue Ribbon Educators

A CONVERSTATION WITH PRINCIPALS AND DISTRICT LEADERS – SUPPORTS FOR STRONG SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Blue Room

Alicia Perez-Katz, Principal Ambassador Fellow

CULTIVATING LEARNING MINDSETS

Empire Ballroom

JoLisa Hoover, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

LET'S TALK ABOUT EQUITY-REAL CONVERSTATIONS ABOUT ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION

Diplomat Room

Meredith Morelle, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

WHY WE VALUE TEACHER LEADERSHIP

Palladian Room

Aman Dhanda, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Regency Ballroom

INTRODUCTION

Frances Hopkins, Program Manager
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

The Intentionality of Excellence

Baruti Kafele, Author, Consultant
Previous Middle School and High School Principal
Essex County Newark Tech Campus
Newark, New Jersey
2015 National Blue Ribbon School
National Alliance of Black School Educators Hall of Fame Awardee
New Jersey Education Association Award of Excellence
Milken National Educator Awardee

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Adam Honeysett

BE THE LIGHT!

Marcus P. Johnson, Co-Director
Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
Fresno State University
2011 National Superintendent of the Year
Sanger, California

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Blue Room

INTRODUCTION

Karen Stratman, Director of National Public Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

**THE F-WORD: The Greatest Obstacle We
are Facing in Public Education**

Shanna Peeples, English and ESOL Teacher
Palo Duro High School
Amarillo, Texas
2015 National Teacher of the Year

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

**MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR NATIONAL
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL YEAR**

Blue Room
Dennis Bega

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS
RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

Regency Ballroom

OPENING PERFORMANCE

Cashell Elementary School Chorus
Cashell Elementary School
Rockville, Maryland
2014 National Blue Ribbon School

WELCOME

Aba Kumi

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Eastern High School Color Guard
SFC Baylor
Eastern High School of Washington, DC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Spirits of Washington
Sareen Balian, 9th Grade Student, Soprano 1
Maya McGuire, 8th Grade Student, Soprano 2
Arya Balian, 6th Grade Student, Alto

SPONSOR REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Sareen Balian, 9th Grade Student
National Cathedral School
Washington, DC

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF 2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL AWARDS**

Regency Ballroom

CLOSING REMARKS

Aba Kumi

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

STATE LIAISON BUSINESS MEETING

Forum Room