



SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

- Andre Cowling**, Principal, The Harvard School of Excellence
- Daniel E. Cruce**, Associate Secretary and Chief of Staff, Administration and Innovation, Delaware Department of Education
- Mervin B. Daugherty**, Superintendent, Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Diane Donohue**, President, Delaware State Education Association
- Arne Duncan**, Secretary, US Department of Education
- Cristy Greaves**, Principal, North Laurel Elementary School
- William H. Guenther**, President and Founder, MassInsight Education & Research Institute
- Patrick Harker**, President, University of Delaware
- Paul A. Herdman**, President & CEO, Rodel Foundation of Delaware
- Sandi Jacobs**, Vice President for Policy, National Council on Teacher Quality
- Lillian M. Lowery**, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education
- Jack Markell**, Governor, State of Delaware
- Jack Perry**, Executive Director, Prestige Academy
- Jeffrey Raffel**, Professor, University of Delaware
- Marvin N. "Skip" Schoenhals**, Chair, Vision 2015, and Chairman, WSFS Bank
- John H. Taylor, Jr.**, Executive Director, Delaware Public Policy Institute
- Howard Weinberg**, Executive Director, Delaware State Education Association
- Daniel Weisberg**, Vice President of Policy & General Counsel, The New Teacher Project

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**KEYNOTE
ADDRESS**

Arne Duncan
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Patrick Harker, President, University of Delaware

8:35 a.m. **Progress to Date and What's Ahead**
Marvin N. "Skip" Schoenhals, Chair, Vision 2015, and Chairman, WSFS Bank

8:50 a.m. **Delaware's Strategic Plan for Public Education and Race to the Top Goals**
Lillian M. Lowery, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education

9:10 a.m. **SESSION ONE**
Ensuring Highly Effective Teachers for All Delaware Students

The research is clear, compelling, and not surprising: Students with highly effective teachers do well in school. This session will explore what Delaware must do to recruit, support, and keep more great teachers, and to distribute them equitably to all classrooms.

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10:10 a.m. Audience Response and Discussion

10:25 a.m. **SESSION TWO**
Turning Around Our Lowest-Performing Schools

Forty-thousand Delaware students are in schools that failed to meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets in 2009, and 26,000 of those are in schools that have not met their targets for at least five consecutive years. In this session, national and local experts will discuss how to build an intensive support system to reverse the crisis of chronically low-performing schools, so every student in Delaware gets the quality education he or she deserves.

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11:25 a.m. Audience Response and Discussion

11:40 a.m. Break for Luncheon

12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Sponsored by Rodel Foundation of Delaware

12:05 p.m. **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**
Governor Jack Markell

12:10 p.m. **Keynote Address**
Arne Duncan, Secretary, US Department of Education

12:45 p.m. Audience Response and Discussion

1:00 p.m. **Introduction to Governor's Remarks**
Paul A. Herdman, President & CEO, Rodel Foundation of Delaware

1:05 p.m. **Remarks**
Governor Jack Markell

1:30 p.m. Audience Response and Discussion

1:45 p.m. Conference Adjourns

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