

A National Middle School Summit

Enhancing the Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning of
Middle School Youth for Better Academic and Life Outcomes

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Agenda

November 11, 2008
Pin Oak Middle School

- 7:30 AM **Registration & Breakfast**
Pin Oak Middle School's Advanced Girls Choir
- 8:00 AM **Welcome**
Bob Sanborn, Ed.D., President and CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK
- 8:15 AM **Setting the Stage for Social and Emotional Learning in Texas**
Michael Holthouse, President, The Holthouse Foundation for Kids
- 8:35 AM **Rethinking Assumptions about Teacher Quality, School Turnarounds, and Data-Driven Schools**
Frederick M. Hess, Ph.D., Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- 9:10 AM **Designing a 21st Century Middle School**
Anthony Jackson, Ph.D., CEO, International Studies Secondary Schools Network, Asia Society
- 9:45 AM **Re-Imagining Middle Grades Education Grounded in Social and Emotional Learning**
Mary Utne O'Brien, Ph.D., Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning
- 10:20 AM **Morning Break** (*Lemonade Day & Middle School Art & Music*)
Project GRAD/Houston ISD City Jazz Kidz – Conductor: Mark Holter
- 10:40 AM **Concurrent Sessions**
- Math:** *Dependency Relationships: Connecting Language to Mathematics*
 Anne Papakonstantinou, Ed.D., Director, Rice University School Mathematics Project
- Science:** *Project-Based Learning: Creating a STEM Culture that Works*
 Reagan Flowers, Ph.D., Founder and CEO, C-STEM
- Policy:** *Reality Check: Counting our Dropouts & Facing the Costs*
 Bob Sanborn, Ed.D., President and CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK
 Frances Deviney, Ph.D., Texas KIDS COUNT Director, The Center for Public Policy Priorities
- Research:** *Middle Schoolers: Their Voices, Their Lives, Their Needs*
 Judy Radigan, Ph.D., Researcher, Rice University Center for Education and
 Professor, (break) University of Houston
- Social & Emotional Learning:** *Adolescent Brain Development*
 John Sargent, M.D., Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Ben Taub General Hospital
- Social & Emotional Learning:** *The 40 Developmental Assets Translated into Use*
 Patricia Rosenberg, Director of Houston Healthy Communities*Healthy Youth,
 Texas Association of Partners in Education
- Stakeholders in Education:** *An Open Discussion with Our Superintendents*
 Duncan Klussmann, Ed.D., Superintendent, Spring Branch ISD
 David Anthony, Ed.D., Superintendent, Cy-Fair ISD
 Moderated by Ann Stiles, Executive Director, Project GRAD Houston
- Up Close with Dr. Hess:** *Challenging the Conventional Wisdom of School Reform*
 Up Close with Dr. Jackson: *21st Century Middle Schools: Excellence and Equity in a Global Era*
 Up Close with Dr. O'Brien: *Bringing Social and Emotional Learning to Life in Middle Grades Today*

- 11:25 AM **Return to Plenary**
Project GRAD/Houston ISD Chamber Strings Orchestra – Conductors: Janet Kavanagh and Laura Lucas
- 11:35 AM **Lunch Keynote Speaker brought to you by Shell Oil Company** (*Invocation*)
Introduction, Frazier Wilson, Ed.D., Social Investment Manager, Shell Oil Company
Teach Them To Challenge Authority: Educating for Healthy Societies
Gregory S. Prince, Jr., Ph.D., Former President, Hampshire College
- 12:25 PM **Legislative Initiative & Panel**
State Representative Scott Hochberg, Member, House Committee on Public Education
State Representative Rob Eissler, Chair, House Committee on Public Education
State Representative Dora Olivo, Member, House Committee on Public Education
Moderated by Bob Sanborn, Ed.D., President and CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK
- 1:05 PM **Concurrent Sessions**
- Experiencing an After-school Program**
Indent the following two
Citizen’s Schools - *Learning by Doing: Feed Me Better and Solar Car Engineering*
Kathryn Nash, Director of Volunteers – Texas, Citizen’s Schools
Prepared 4 Life - *Assets in Action: Activities that Promote Social and Emotional Learning*
Misha Lesley, Program Director, Prepared 4 Life
Prepared 4 Life Youth Advisory Committee
- Science:** *Addressing Different Learning Styles: Hypotheses and Predictions with UV Man*
Stephanie Shipp, Ph.D., Education and Public Outreach Manager
Christine Shupla, Education Specialist
Lunar and Planetary Institute, Universities Space Research Association
- Math:** *Exploring Linear Functions through Multiple Representations*
Anne Papakonstantinou, Ed.D., Director, Rice University School Mathematics Project
- Policy:** *How to Fix Our School Finance System*
Scott Hochberg, Texas State Representative, House Committee on Public Education
- Policy:** *Engaging the Business Community in Supporting Education Reform*
Anne Foster, Executive Director, Raise Your Hand Texas
- Social and Emotional Learning:** *Social & Emotional Learning in the Classroom*
Karen Smith, Prevention and Safe School Specialist, Alief ISD
- Stakeholders in Education:** *An Open Discussion with Our Superintendents*
Guy Sconzo, Ph.D., Superintendent, Humble ISD
Abelardo Saavedra, Ph.D., Superintendent, Houston ISD
Moderated by Scott Van Beck, Executive Director, Houston A+ Challenge
- Up Close with Dr. Prince delete**
- 1:55 PM **Afternoon Break** (*Middle School Art & Music*)
Patrick Henry Middle School’s Mariachi Band
- 2:15 PM **Closing Plenary Session:** *Looking into the Future*
The Middle School Summit Legislative Agenda (Interactive Voting)
- 3:15 PM **Closing Remarks**
Michael McDonough, Principal, Pin Oak Middle School
Laurence Payne, President, the Educational Excellence Resource Group
- 3:30 PM **Conference Ends** – *Please complete your evaluation.*