

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**

*NJLM Education Foundation, Inc.*  
**In Conjunction with the NJ Department of Education  
Presents a Statewide Conference**

***“THE NEW EDUCATION ORDER: SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION,  
CONSTRUCTION, FUNDING AND PRESCHOOL EXPANSION”***

**Friday, September 19, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Middlesex County College**

**AGENDA**

**9:00 A.M. Registration and Refreshments**

**9:30 A.M. Opening Session and Introduction**

**Welcome:** Louise Wilson, President and Former Mayor, Montgomery Township

**Introduction: NJLM Education Foundation, Inc.**

Jun Choi, Vice-President and Mayor, Edison Township

**Special** *Commissioner Lucille Davy, New Jersey Department of Education*

**Guests:** *Commissioner Joseph Doria, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs*

**Breakout Sessions:**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Session A: School Funding – Review of Key Changes and Regulations**

**Moderator:** Peter Genovese, Business Administrator,  
Long Branch School District

**Panelists:** Katie Attwood, Assistant Commissioner for Finance,  
New Jersey Department of Education

Dan Michaud, Business Administrator, Edison School District

This session provides financial professionals the latest information on the implementation of the School Funding Reform, CORE Reforms and Tax Levy Cap Law, including details on new regulations, suggestions and best practices from leading practitioners, and other practical financial advice. Moderated by a leading Business Administrator, learn about the latest developments to maximize your school district's and municipalities' financial position.

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Session B: Preschool Expansion**

**Moderator:** Amy Goerl, Supervisor, Keansburg Early Childhood Program

**Panelists:** Ellen Wolock, Ed.D., Director, Office of Preschool Education,  
New Jersey Department of Education

David Joye, Budget and Policy Analyst, Office of Preschool Education,  
New Jersey Department of Education

The School Funding Reform Act of 2008 instituted a major expansion of high quality preschool for at-risk children from Abbott schools to all three- and four-year-olds in DFG A and B school districts, to all three- and four-year-olds in DFG C and D school districts with 40% or greater low-income students, and to all other low-income three- and four-year-olds in ALL other school districts. This requires a significant scaling of preschool programs in communities throughout the state. Learn about new regulations, best practices in program delivery, and advice from other practitioners throughout the State. If you are interested in community building through the expansion of high quality preschool programs, you don't want to miss this session.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Session C: School Construction**

Moderator: Deane Evans, School of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Panelists: Joseph Ferraina, Superintendent, Long Branch School District  
Susan Kutner, Director, Office of School Facilities,  
New Jersey Department of Education  
Frank LoDolce, Director, Office of School Facilities,  
New Jersey Department of Education  
Andrew Yosha, Vice President – Program Management and Planning,  
NJ Schools Development Authority

Following the enactment of the School Construction Act in July 2008 providing for an additional \$3.9 billion for school construction, school districts and municipalities are keenly interested in the opportunities for new funding to rebuild or renovate aging school buildings throughout the State. Learn how to tap these funds, the priorities for school construction and renovation, and new procedures and standards for school construction. Hear directly from the professionals responsible for administering the State programs.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Session D: School Consolidation, CORE Bill and Shared Grant Opportunities**

Moderator: Greg Fehrenbach, NJ League of Municipalities Inter-local Services Coordinator  
Panelist: John Rasimowicz, Shared Services Manager, Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
Dr. Jerry Vernotica, Assistant Commissioner for Field Services  
New Jersey Department of Education  
Dr. Bruce Greenfield, Executive County Superintendent

One of the main topics both educational and municipal leaders are eagerly following is the potential consolidation and shared service programs authorized by the CORE Bill. The Department of Education will provide an update of the implementation of the CORE Bill and the work of the Executive County Superintendents. Learn about shared service opportunities and best practices to assist school districts and municipalities, including funds available to deliver more efficient services.

**12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch and Networking Break**

**Special Guest Speaker:**

Scott Weiner, CEO, NJ Schools Development Authority

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