



HEADS TOGETHER 2009

A NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING GRADUATION RATES AND PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR THE WORKFORCE.

Let's talk about what works best to help New Hampshire youth succeed.

THE GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION AGENDA

Governor John H. Lynch joins the state's top educational and workforce leaders to kick off the fourth Heads Together '09 Conference. Workforce Opportunity Council Chair Dick Anagnost and Lyonel Tracy, Commissioner of Education will offer opening remarks on New Hampshire's exciting new efforts to blend education with job skills preparation. From raising the dropout age to "Follow the Child", and a new \$35 million Job Corps Academy, there's plenty going on to help New Hampshire compete in the global workplace.

THE LANGUAGE OF WORK AND THE LANGUAGE OF LEARNING

Do educators and employers understand each other? Are schools teaching what employers need from our emerging workforce? Do our employers need to participate more in curriculum development? *Heads Together 2009* will explore these questions and many others as we share, discuss and debate the issue of graduation rates and dropouts.

WE'LL LOOK AT EVERYTHING AT HEADS TOGETHER '09

Policy Strand Legislative issues, funding options, high school reform efforts, and updated research information on NH dropout rates.

Business Strand The impact of dropout rate on the labor market and the economy, partnering with business and ways business can get involved and be able to hire a better prepared workforce.

Community Strand Youth voices...students speak up about why they left school and what has helped them get back on track. Will include alternative and community-based programs that are working for this population, and how to effectively network with community programs and services.

Education Strand Proven strategies for engaging, assessing and teaching our young people as demonstrated from award-winning programs and initiatives across NH and throughout the New England area.



Keynote Speaker:
Paul R. Gudonis
President, FIRST

As FIRST President, Paul Gudonis brings 25 years of leadership experience in the information technology and communications industries, as well as a long commitment to improving education in our society.

In industry, Mr. Gudonis has been a pioneer in wireless, internet, and elearning software and services. His career has included launching the country's first cell phone company at Ameritech Mobile; serving as Chairman and CEO of Genuity, Inc., where he grew the first internet backbone network into a billion-dollar global operation; and most recently as President and CEO of Centra Software, Inc., a provider of software for online classrooms and collaboration.

In his role as a technology industry executive, Mr. Gudonis has taken an active, leadership role on issues such as education, broadband deployment, and innovation. He has served as Chairman of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, and is a member of TechNet, a national organization of technology industry CEOs committed to fostering economic growth through innovation and technology. In addition, he has served on the United Way of Massachusetts Bay Chairman's Committee and the Dean's Advisory Council at his alma mater, Northwestern University's McCormick School of Engineering. He also earned his MBA degree at Harvard University.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

To register for HEADS TOGETHER '09, complete this form and mail, with payment, to:
Dawn Anne Currie, Workforce Opportunity Council,
64 Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH 03301.
Please make check payable to Workforce Opportunity Council.

**Only \$35! Space is limited
so register early.**

For more information, please call 603-229-3305.

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February 5, 2009 may be the most important day in New Hampshire's future.



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Concord, NH 03301

HEADS TOGETHER '09
Thursday, February 5, 2009
8 am – Continental Breakfast/Check-In
9 am – 3:30 pm – Program

Location

Courtyard by Marriott
Grappone Conference Center
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

Directions

I-93, Exit 15W. Only one way off of ramp. At first traffic light, take a right onto Commercial Street. Grappone Conference Center is on your right.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

This very important conference is for educators, business leaders, higher education officials, policy makers, and community-based organization staff and volunteers who will learn:

- The full impact of the dropout problem in NH and its consequences for everyone.
- Classroom and school-wide strategies for increased student engagement.
- The role of business leaders and other community partners in increasing the graduation rates and improving student learning.
- Specific schools and programs that are motivating students to stay in school, and those that are re-engaging students who have dropped out.
- Public and school policy issues that directly impact student retention and high school completion.



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A conference of:

- **Educators**
- **Local Officials**
- **National/Local Experts**
- **Business Leaders**
- **State Officials**
- **Professionals**