



HEADS TOGETHER 2007

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 complete high school.

THE GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION AGENDA

Governor John H. Lynch will open the conference with an overview of his efforts to increase New Hampshire's high school graduation rate. Governor Lynch has proposed to increase New Hampshire's compulsory attendance from age 16 to age 18 and to expand alternative learning programs to ensure more young people graduate from high school.

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 2007* 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 '07

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:
Dr. Mel Riddile

Dr. Mel Riddile is the 2006 National High School Principal of the Year and the 2005 Virginia High School Principal of the Year. Dr. Riddile was principal of J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, Virginia for nine years. Stuart High School is a school that has all the factors that would place a school at risk including high poverty and mobility and a large numbers of second-language students. During those nine years, Dr. Riddile and the Stuart staff achieved remarkable results. In January of 2005, citing the school's outstanding record of academic achievement, President George W. Bush chose J.E.B. Stuart High School as the site to deliver his policy speech on high school reform. Dr. Riddile is a member of the U.S. Secretary of Education's High School Reform Task Force and the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Literacy Advisory Board. Dr. Riddile is currently the Principal of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

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To register for HEADS TOGETHER '07, 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.

**Still only \$25! Space is limited
so register early.**

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



January 18, 2007 may be the most important day
in New Hampshire's future.

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2007**

A conference of:

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

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Thursday, January 18, 2007

8 am - Continental Breakfast/Check-In
9 am - 3 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.