

# Learning from the International Experience: Lifting U. S. Students to World Class Levels of Performance

A Conference Organized by the Harvard's Program on Education Policy and Governance  
**Harvard Kennedy School**                      **August 17-19, 2011**

## Wednesday, August 17

**6:00 PM**      **Early Registration:** Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor

**6:30-7:30 PM** **Keynote Address:** Nye ABC  
Deputy Secretary **Tony Miller**, U.S. Department of Education  
Q&A session to follow

## Thursday, August 18

**8:00 AM**      **Registration:** Taubman Bldg., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**8:30 AM**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
• **Paul E. Peterson**, Harvard University

**8:45 AM**      **Panel I: What Can Be Learned from the International Experience?**  
Chair: **Paul E. Peterson**, Harvard University  
• **Dr. Mona Mourshed**, McKinsey & Co., Dubai/UAE  
• **Eric Hanushek**, Hoover Institution of Stanford University  
• **Jay Greene**, University of Arkansas

**10:15 AM**      **Break**

**10:30 AM**      **Panel II: Can Autonomy and Choice Bolster Achievement in the U.S.?**  
Chair: **David Gergen**, John F. Kennedy School of Government  
• **Martin West**, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
• **Paul Pastorek**, Former State Superintendent of Education, Louisiana  
• **Dr. Avis Glaze**, Edu-quest International Inc., Canada  
• **Tony Bennett**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:30 PM**      **Panel III: Should the U.S. Have Common Standards and Examinations?**  
Chair: **James Stergios**, Pioneer Institute  
• **Angus McBeath**, Former Superintendent, Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta  
• **Shengchang Tang**, Principal, Shanghai High School, China  
• **Gerard Robinson**, Commissioner of Education, Florida

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

- 3:15 PM Panel IV: Is Digital Learning the Answer?**  
Chair: **Hanna Skandera**, Secretary of Public Education, New Mexico
- **Shantanu Prakash**, Educomp Solutions Ltd., India
  - **Susan Patrick**, International Association for K-12 Online Learning
  - **Julie Young**, Florida Virtual Schools

## **Friday, August 19**

**8:15 AM Registration:** Taubman Bldg., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

- 9:00 AM Panel V: How Do We Get Great Teachers? – Part I**  
Chair: **Gene Wilhoit**, Council of Chief State School Officers
- **Jason Glass**, Iowa Department of Education
  - **Jari Matti Juhani Lavonen**, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - **Fernando Reimers**, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**10:30 AM Break**

- 10:45 AM Panel VI: How Do We Get Great Teachers? – Part II**  
Chair: **Dr. Jacob Foster**, Massachusetts Department of Education
- **Roberto Rodriguez**, Special Assistant to the President for Education
  - **Gwang-Jo Kim**, Former Deputy Education Minister of S. Korea and current Director of Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNESCO Bangkok
  - **Christopher Cerf**, Commissioner of Education, New Jersey

**12:15 PM Adjourn**

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