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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- *No Child Left Behind Summit – The Path to 2014: Teachers Make It Happen*
Thursday, April 27, 2006
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
The Education Center at the Philadelphia School District Offices
440 N. Broad Street, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

First in a series of summits established by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. Speakers will address issues such as alternative certification, teacher subject matter competence, research-based instruction, quality teacher preparation programs, and recruiting and developing math and science teachers.

For further information about the agenda and logistics, please contact Cynthia Dorfman at the U.S. Department of Education, Cynthia.Dorfman@ed.gov, (202) 205-5560.

SOME OF THE TOP STORIES

New York City offers nearly \$15,000 in housing incentives to attract experienced math, science, and special ed teachers to the city's highest-need schools

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At 5 state colleges, fewer than 80% of teacher candidates pass certification tests on first attempt**

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