



Council of Chief State School Officers

**Advancing Quality Preschool for All
Pre-Legislative Conference
Sunday, March 21, 2004
Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC**

AGENDA

This conference is designed to connect chief state school officers and their staff with essential partners to the objective of advancing the quality of and access to preschool in their states. Participants will consider strategies for raising awareness of the benefits of preschool in the public eye and the connections to K-12 systems with the ultimate aim of school success for all.

- 7 a.m.—8 a.m. **Breakfast—Capital Room Foyer**
- 8 a.m.—8:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
G. Thomas Houlihan, CCSSO Executive Director
Elizabeth Burmaster, Wisconsin Superintendent
- 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. **Opening Address—A History of Urgency**
Introduction—Susan Gendron, Maine Commissioner
Betsy Rogers, 2003 National Teacher of the Year
- 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. **No Child Left Behind—
Challenges and Opportunities for Preschool**
Introduction—Susan Zelman, Ohio Superintendent
Dorothy Strickland, Samuel DeWitt Proctor
Professor of Education, Rutgers University
- 10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m BREAK
- 10:45 a.m.—Noon **Media Panel—Making the Message Sing**
Introduction—Kadesha Washington, CCSSO Dir. of Communications
Gene Maeroff, Senior Fellow, Hechinger Institute
on Education and the Media
John Merrow, Executive Producer/Host and President,
Learning Matters Inc.
Kirk Smith, Co-founder, Smith-Mumford

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12:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m. **Lunch Session—State of Preschool**
Introduction—Jana Martella, CCSSO Project Director
W. Steven Barnett, Director,
National Institute of Early Education Research

1:45 p.m.—2:45 p.m. **Building a Cadre of Champions—**
Introduction — Jana Martella, CCSSO Project Director
Lindy Buch (moderator), NAECs/SDEs President
Cecil Picard, Louisiana Superintendent
Marilyn Howard, Idaho Superintendent
Tom Watkins, Michigan Superintendent
Sandra Garrett, Oklahoma Superintendent

2:45 p.m.—3 p.m. BREAK

3 p.m.—3:30 p.m. **Facilitated Roundtable Discussion**
Introduction — Jinhee Lee, CCSSO Sr. Project Associate

3:30 p.m.—4 p.m. **Moderated Q&A and Closing Remarks**
John Merrow

4:00 pm ADJOURN