

President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education Accountability Systems Task Force

Hearing Schedule

March 13, 2002

Embassy Suites Hotel Des Moines – On The River

101 East Locust Street

Des Moines, Iowa

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- 7:45 a.m. *Welcome, Introductions, and Overview – Chairman Steve Bartlett*
- 7:55 a.m. *Process versus Outcome: Smarter Ways of Accountability*
The panel will review recommendations for making achievement outcomes—including academic standards, individual achievement data, and other non-academic criteria for students who cannot meet academic standards—the standards used for school districts and states. Panelists will include:
1. Brian McNulty, McREL, former Colorado State Director of Special Education; and
 2. Dr. Gerald Tindal, Professor and Head, Department of Educational Leadership, Technology, and Administration; Co-director, Behavioral Research and Teaching at the University of Oregon.
- 8:25 a.m. *Task Force Q&A for Process versus Outcome*
- 8:55 a.m. *Parents, Students, and Families as Accountability Measures*
The panel will review the role parents, students, and family members have as means of holding school systems and service providers accountable for their services. Topics will include recommendations of panelists for establishing different accountability measures and practices to improve student achievement. Panelists will include:
1. Beth Giovannetti, Executive Director, District of Columbia charter schools cooperative;
 2. Dr. Martha A. Brooks, Delaware State Director of Special Education and Patricia Maichle, a parent in Delaware; and
 3. Polly Adam-Fullbright, psychologist, Des Moines Public Schools.
- 9:20 a.m. *Task Force Q&A on Parents, Students, and Families*
- 9:50 a.m. *Break*
- 10:05 a.m. *Capable Accountability Systems*
The panel will review schools that have been successful in educating children with disabilities through non-traditional local administration initiatives. Panelists will include

1. Martin Cavanaugh, Chief of Staff to the Superintendent of Elk Grove Unified School District, California;
2. Sue Gamm, Esq., Chicago Public Schools.

10:35 a.m. *Task Force Q&A on Capable Accountability Systems*

11:05 a.m. *Future Accountability Systems*

The panel will review how accountability systems should be changing to enable policy makers and parents to make better decisions about student achievement.

Panelists will include:

1. Dr. Lizanne DeStefano, University of Illinois, Urbana; and
2. Dr. David Rosetter, Education Policy Solutions, Ltd. (last minute cancellation)

11:35 a.m. *Task Force Q&A on Future Accountability Systems*

12:00 p.m. *Lunch Break*

During the working lunch, panel members will discuss their preliminary conclusions.

1:00 p.m. *Accountability Systems for Assuring Proper Use of Alternative Assessments*

The panel will review how school systems can measure their performance in serving students that cannot participate in broader assessment systems. Panelists will include:

1. Paul Marchand, The ARC; and
2. Dr. Martha Thurlow, National Center on Educational Outcomes, University of Minnesota;

1:30 p.m. *Task Force Q&A on Outcomes Panel*

2:00 p.m. *Public Comment Period*

3:00 p.m. *Adjourn*