

Hope Street Group

Bi-partisan Working Group Dinner Series: Globally Competitive Education for All American Children

October 15, 2007

The Caucus Room Restaurant
Washington, D.C.

Overview of the Bi-partisan Working Group on Education Reform

Welcome to Hope Street Group's Bi-partisan Working Group on education reform, the first of a series of dinners that will bring together experts from across a spectrum of political and sectoral affiliations to work on solutions to some of the most pressing policy issues facing America today.

The purpose of tonight's dinner is to bring together leading reformers in education to guide a discussion on how to change the direction of the U.S. education system. Joining us is a remarkable group of professionals that have front-line views of what is happening in U.S. education today, from former superintendents to presidents and directors of organizations that are on the cutting edge of school reform. The focus of this meeting is to come up with ideas for educational reform across three areas:

- Achieving globally-competitive and consistent nationwide **standards**
- Radically upgrading the **human capital pipeline** to attract and retaining better teachers and principals
- **Supportive accountability**—obtaining reliable data to highlight real gaps and gains

Tonight's dinner is the first in a series on this topic. In between now and **January 28, 2008**, this groups will work together to come up with an **action plan for education reform across these areas**. We look forward to your ongoing participation in this important discussion.

Confirmed Participants for January 28, 2008 Dinner: Transforming Ideas into Action

Ray Chambers, Chairman, Amelior Foundation; Chairman, Malaria No More

Roger Ferguson, CEO of Swiss Re USA

Michael Gerson, Senior Fellow CFR, former White House Deputy Policy Advisor

Allan Golston, President, US Programs, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina)

Rep. Kay Granger (R-Texas), former Mayor of Fort Worth

Ken Mehlman, Former Chair, Republican National Convention

Janet Murguia, President, National Council of La Raza

Bill Novelli, CEO, AARP

John Podesta, President, Center for American Progress

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan)

Andy Stern, President, SEIU



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Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Framing the Issue: Why Are We Here?

III. Identifying the Problems:

- *Standards*
- *Teachers and Principals*
- *Supportive Accountability*

IV. What Does Success Look Like?:

- *Brainstorming Solutions*

V. Action Plan:

- *Committing to Next Steps*
- *Agreeing on Deliverables for January 28 Meeting*

VI. Closing