

Listserv Email: June 21, 2010

Hopefully you had a nice and relaxing weekend. To start the week off right, below are some news and resources that may be of interest:

Illinois Research Agenda: The Forum on the Future of Public Education released a draft of a research agenda that addressed five categories of questions aligned with Illinois' Race to the Top application and are looking for feedback on the draft. Particularly of interest may be the questions around the area of Teacher and Leadership Preparation, Development and Support. You can view information about the Forum on the Future of Public Education as well as the questions at: <http://forum.illinois.edu/events/public-comment-first-draft-illinois-education-research-agenda>

Proposal for National Principal Development Program: A principal development bill was introduced last week by U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, former superintendent of Denver Public Schools. The Lead Act calls for Title II funds to establish school leadership academies, create an online catalog of professional development materials, and establish leadership centers to train and support principals and mentors to lead school turnarounds. You can view information about the legislation at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:s.03469>:

Annual Summer Leadership Institute on Equity, Inclusion, and Excellence: Leaders Reinventing Schools for ALL – Syracuse University is holding its annual Summer Leadership Institute on August 9,10, and 11 for K-12 school leaders. The focus will be on issues of inclusion, equity and excellence. Information and registration can be found at <http://leadershipinstitute.syr.edu>

Study on Teacher Dismissal: Brian Jacob at University of Michigan just released the results of a study on CPS to determine whether any teacher, principal or school characteristics are associated with the likelihood that a teacher will be dismissed. To access the study, go to: http://www.ecs.org/rs/Studies/DetailStudy.aspx?study_ID=a0r70000000NkZnAAK

Lynch Leadership Academy: Boston College will launch a new training program for school principals to improve urban education and prepare more low-income students for college, with a \$20 million donation from Fidelity. The new Lynch Leadership Academy will be the first program in the nation to bring together education leaders from Catholic, charter and district public schools. For more information see: [http://www.bc.edu/offices/pubaf/news/\\$20m_gift_launches_lynch_leadership_academy_at_bc2010_0620.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/pubaf/news/$20m_gift_launches_lynch_leadership_academy_at_bc2010_0620.html)