

Closing the Achievement Gap: School Resources and Beyond

SEDL Policy Forum 2004

Omni Downtown Austin Hotel

September 27-28, 2004

Agenda

Monday, September 27, 2004

11:00 AM **Registration Begins**

Boardroom Foyer

12:30–1:15 PM **Lunch and Group Activity**

Executive Room

1:15–1:45 PM **Welcome and Introductions**

Ballroom B

1:45–2:45 PM *Academic Differences and Social Class: A National Perspective*
Mr. Richard Rothstein

Mr. Rothstein will provide a national perspective on the achievement gap with a focus on the context of children in poverty and minority children. He will present ideas and research to expand our idea of resources needed to close the achievement gap that go beyond traditional education resources.

2:45–3:15 PM **Interaction and Discussion with Richard Rothstein**

Ballroom B

3:15–3:30 PM **Break**

Boardroom Foyer

3:30–5:00 PM *Achievement Gaps in the SEDL Region: What Data Tell Us*
SEDL Policy Staff

Policy staff will discuss specific areas where achievement gaps exist in the five SEDL states. Preliminary findings from SEDL’s policy research on resources and the achievement gap will be presented and discussed with forum participants.

5:00–6:00 PM *From Texas School District Strategies to State Education Policy*
Dr. Shirley Neeley

Dr. Neeley will describe her experience in a school district that successfully made advances in closing the achievement gap and relate this to achievement policies at the state level.

6:00-6:30 PM **Interaction and Discussion with Shirley Neeley**

Ballroom B

**Dinner on your own. SEDL will arrange a group dinner
in downtown Austin for anyone interested.**

Draft Agenda continued**Tuesday, September 28, 2004**8:00–8:45 AM **Breakfast**

Executive Room

8:45–9:45 AM *The Why, What and How of Effective School, Family and Community Partnerships*

Ballroom B

Dr. Karen Mapp

Dr. Mapp will discuss resources and strategies beyond the classroom, with a focus on collaboration and parent and community resources. She will share research findings on effective practices that can impact student success.

9:45–10:15 AM **Interaction and Discussion with Karen Mapp**

Ballroom B

10:15–10:30 AM **Break**

Boardroom Foyer

10:30 AM - **Cross-State Group Discussions**

12:00 PM

Ballroom B

Liberty Room

Group discussion facilitators:

Mr. Richard Rothstein, Dr. Shirley Neeley

Dr. Karen Mapp, and Dr. Larry Picus

Discussion groups in which participants can brainstorm on the resources available to them in their states and the challenges associated with getting the necessary/desired resources to help students achieve.

12:00–1:00 PM **Lunch**

Executive Room

1:00–2:00 PM *Policy Implications for Effective Resource Allocation*

Ballroom B

Panel: Mr. Richard Rothstein on actual costs of resources needed

Dr. Karen Mapp on non-monetary costs of resources needed

Dr. Lawrence Picus on adequacy costs and reality of state budgets

Panelists will discuss putting all the pieces together (resources, policies, attitudes, timing, politics, and more).

2:00–3:00 PM **Lessons Learned: Next Steps in Your State**

Ballroom B

Group interaction of all participants

3:00 PM

Ballroom B

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