

# Moving Forward, Sharing the Change

The North Central Regional Betterment Coalition presents...

## The Illinois P-20 Council Education for Our Future

**Tuesday, April 12th, 2011**



The NCRBC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and grassroots organization that participates directly and indirectly through facilitation and collaboration in efforts to enhance the viability of its tri-county region (LaSalle, Bureau, & Putnam).

The Illinois P-20 Council is a statewide coordinating body composed of government officials, business executives, university administrators, and other leaders in the education community. This diverse group is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations at all levels of education in Illinois. As the name implies, the Council understands that Illinois needs a framework to guide education policy and integrate education from Pre-Kindergarten through grade twenty.

### Community Engagement

9 to 11:00 a.m.

Prouty Building, 435 S. Main St., Princeton

#### Why is parent/family/community engagement important?

Superintendents, principals, chamber of commerce members, local government officials, PTA, and community based providers are welcomed to join the P-20 Council Family, Youth, and Community Engagement Committee, Parent-Teacher Association, Voices for Illinois Children, and the Federation for Community Schools as they discuss recent developments in education, policy and the role of stakeholder engagement.

**Debra Strauss** — President, Illinois Parent-Teacher Association, Co-chair, P-20 Family, Youth, & Community Engagement Committee

**Kathy Ryg** — President, Voices for Illinois Children, Co-chair, P-20 Family, Youth, & Community Engagement Committee

**Melissa Trumbull Mitchell** — Associate Director, The Federation for Community Schools

### Education for Our Future

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 W. Madison St., Ottawa

#### First Annual Report and Recommendations of the Illinois P-20 Council

Join leaders of the P-20 Council as they discuss their first report — including their work around the Illinois School Report Card, Common Core Standards, and reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, previously known as No Child Left Behind.

**Ann Courter**, Policy Analyst, P-20 Council

**Debra Strauss & Kathy Ryg**, Co-chairs, P-20 Family, Youth, & Community Engagement Committee

### A State of the State Dialogue

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

IVCC, 815 North Orlando Smith St., Oglesby

#### Budget & Tax Policy Initiative Discussion

Anyone interested in budget discussions and the current State of Illinois policy are welcome to attend to learn the status of budget discussions and share the impacts of the state fiscal crisis.

**Kathy Ryg** — President, Voices for Illinois Children, Co-chair, P-20 Family, Youth, & Community Engagement Committee

### Community Engagement/Parental Involvement

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

IVCC, Oglesby

#### What is engagement and where to start? Come share your thoughts!

Members of the public are invited to participate in a panel discussion on how communities can support families, and how families can support their children's readiness to learn and succeed in school.

##### Keynote Speaker:

**Kim Miller** — Statewide Family Leadership Coordinator, Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership

##### Panelists:

**Jay McCracken** — Superintendent, Putnam County Schools

**Melissa Trumbull Mitchell** — Associate Director, The Federation for Community Schools

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