



*Teacher Union Reform Network
of AFT and NEA Locals*

Memphis Meeting

January 22 - 24 , 2009

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149 UNION AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Tentative Agenda

Please note: The Thursday session and the last session on Saturday are reserved for a Caucus of Principal Members and Associates only. All other sessions are open to all attendees.

Thursday, January 22nd

3:00 - 5:00 Caucus for Principal Members and Associates Only

Dinner On Your Own

Friday, January 23rd

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast and Meeting Registration

9:00 - 9:30 Session I: Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview

9:00 - 10:15 Session II: Independent Self-Governed Schools and Innovation with Schools and Schooling - Joe Graba

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 Session III: Short on Power, Long on Responsibility: Schools Designed for Teaching and Learning - Richard Ingersoll

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch On Your Own

1:30 - 3:00 Session IV: : Teacher/Union Run Schools: UFT, BTU and DCTA

Essential Questions – Tom Alves:

- What are the trials and tribulations of union run schools and the connection, if any, with the work of Richard Ingersoll and Joe Graba?
- How have or how might teacher/union run schools deal with the issues of teacher authority and innovation?
- Other questions

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:15 Session V: Making Public Schools More Like Private – Adam Urbanski

4:15 - 5:30 Break-Out Sessions:

- NEA Locals – Update on the Institute for Teaching and Learning
- AFT Locals – Update on the AFT Innovation Fund

5:30-5:45 Reconvening Briefly

6:15-???? Informal Consultations with inTURNs (Location TBD)

Dinner On Your Own

Saturday, January 24th

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast

**8:30 - 9:30 Session VI: The Florida Virtual Schools Project - Jim Russell
Essential Questions – Ellen Bernstein:**

- What is the effect on teaching and learning that we should be paying attention to and what role, if any, will it play in our conversation about innovative schools?
- Other questions

9:30 - 11:00 Session VII: Breakouts by Regional Networks and Local Planning

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:00 Session VIII: Reporting, Ideas Exchange and Planning Future Work

12:15 - 1:00 Caucus for Principal Members and Associates Only

Next TURN Meeting:

June 4-6, 2009

at

The Tamaya Resort in Bernalillo, NM