9th Annual CASE
Winter Leadership Conference

Leading in the Global Age

January 22-23, 2009
Hyatt Regency Hotel Denver Tech Center

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Conference Highlights

✓ Keynote by Harvard scholar Richard Elmore
✓ Remarks by Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones
✓ Instructional technology strand featuring Will Richardson and teacher leaders
✓ CAP4K (Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids) learning opportunities
✓ PERA update, including the latest on 401(k) investments
✓ Exhibit areas featuring the K-12 products and services
✓ Networking and social time with your colleagues

Registration Program

Colorado Association of School Executives
If our educational system is to deliver on the promise of high standards for all students, school and district leaders must create conditions for high-quality instruction in every classroom. Too often traditional structures in our education system drive decision making, to the detriment of powerful student learning. Richard Elmore challenges education leaders to step out of their comfort zones and make instructional improvement their primary focus. He says leaders must create a “common culture of expectations” and hold individuals “accountable for their contributions to the collective result.”

Richard Elmore is professor of educational leadership at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and director of the Consortium for Policy Research in Education (CPRE), a group of universities engaged in research on state and local education policy. He teaches regularly in programs for public-sector executives.

Dr. Elmore's research focuses on the effects of federal, state, and local education policy on schools and classrooms. He is currently exploring how schools of different types and in different policy contexts develop a sense of accountability and a capacity to deliver high-quality instruction. He has also researched educational choice, school restructuring, and how changes in teaching and learning affect school organization.

Will Richardson is known internationally for his work with educators and students to understand and implement instructional technologies into their schools, classrooms and communities. His keynotes, presentations and workshops communicate a fresh and inspiring vision of what schools can and must become.

A public school educator for 22 years, Richardson’s own Weblog is a primary resource for the creation and implementation of Weblog technologies on the K-12 level and is a leading voice for school reform in the context of the fundamental changes these new technologies are bringing to all aspects of life. His critically acclaimed, best-selling book Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Tools for Classrooms is already being used by thousands of teachers to reinvent their practice.
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Conference Agenda

THURSDAY MORNING
Thursday, January 22, 2008

Conference Registration
Continental Breakfast

First General Session
Keynote Speaker
Richard Elmore
A Call for Leadership – Structuring Schools for Academic Success

Second General Session
Distinguished Speaker
Dwight Jones
Commissioner of Education

Breakout Sessions
Distinguished Speaker
Joan Kowal
Empowering the 21st Century Superintendent to Achieve a Culture of Transformation Through Technology

Visit Exhibit Areas
Department Meetings
Reception Sponsored by Exhibitors
Dinner and Evening on Your Own

Lunch (provided)

FRIDAY MORNING
Friday, January 23, 2008

Conference Registration
Continental Breakfast

Visit Exhibit Areas

Third General Session
Policy Issues Discussion

Closing General Session
Keynote Speaker
Will Richardson
Building Connections – Breaking Down Walls

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Breakout Topics
✓ Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K)
✓ Longitudinal Growth
✓ Response to Intervention (RTI)
✓ Instructional technology
✓ English Language Learners
✓ Closing the Achievement Gap
✓ Profiles of Success: Award-winning Schools
✓ Online Education
✓ Safe Schools
✓ PERA update

“One of the biggest challenges educators face right now is figuring out how to help students create, navigate, and grow the powerful, individualized networks of learning that bloom on the Web and helping do this effectively, ethically, and safely.” Will Richardson
Pre-Conference Agenda

Separate registration required for pre-conference sessions.

Wednesday, January 21, 2008
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Department of Business Officials (DBO) - Nuts and Bolts Conference
For school business officials and superintendents

Conference Topics:
✓ Financial reporting
✓ Budget
✓ Cash management
✓ School finance update
✓ Legislative information

Technology Leadership Conference
For school and district technology leaders and other administrators with responsibility for technology integration

✓ Broadband connectivity
✓ Skills for the 21st century learner
✓ Essential skills for the chief technology officer
✓ Cyber security

Preparing for the Superintendency
Presented by George Straface, Ed.D.
For entry-level superintendents and aspiring superintendents

In this pre-conference, interactive session, you will learn

Key Elements to Your Success
✓ Building District Culture
✓ Understanding Politics
✓ Systems: Analysis and Design
✓ Leading Change
✓ Improving Student Achievement
✓ Finance: Building and Monitoring District Budgets
✓ Human Resources Issues Labor Relations
✓ Labor Relations

Registration
Complete your registration online. It’s easy!
✓ Visit the CASE Web site: www.co-case.org
✓ Click the “9th Annual CASE Winter Leadership Conference” link

Questions? Contact Leisa Sacry at 303.762.8762, ext. 100, or lsacry@co-case.org.

Accommodations

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✓ 451 Newly Renovated Guestrooms
✓ Wi-Fi, Plush New Hyatt Grand Beds
✓ StayFit and YogaAway Fitness Center
✓ Glass-enclosed Indoor Lap Pool
✓ Hot Tub, Sun Deck
✓ Pool Table, Shuffleboard in Garrity’s
✓ Full-Service Business Center
✓ Light Rail Access
✓ Park Meadows Mall, 16th Street Mall, LoDo

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