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The Connecticut State Department of Education, in collaboration with the
CT Parent Information and Resource Center (CT PIRC), presents



Engagement Forum

A Meeting for School, Parent, and Community Leaders
(Members of School Governance Councils are encouraged to attend.)

Saturday, March 26, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

School Governance Council members are asked to stay for a special session
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Farmington Marriott, Farmington, CT

Engaging Families and Communities is an Education Reform Strategy

Did you know ...

Schools with strong connections to their families and communities are four times more likely to improve in reading and 10 times more likely to improve in math than schools without these crucial links?

This is among the findings of a new report called "Organizing Schools for Improvement." **Dr. Penny Bender Sebring**, one of the authors and the Founding Director of the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago, will be a keynote speaker.

The forum will also feature **Dr. James Comer**, the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, whose renowned School Development Program puts family and community engagement at the heart of school reform.



Please visit

<http://ctserc.org/engagementforum> to register online!





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Registration Information

Two hundred (200) school, parent, and community leaders, as well as families, can be accommodated. Applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. The closing date for submitting applications is **Wednesday, March 16, 2011**. Confirmation of participation and directions will be provided shortly thereafter. There is no fee. Lunch will be provided.

Direct registration questions to Yolanta Garcia, Project Assistant, at garcia@ctserc.org or (860) 632-1485, ext. 264.

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Engagement Forum Application Form 2011

You may also register online at

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(Please print clearly.)

Name _____ SERC Member # _____ (if known)

Home Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____

District _____ School/Agency _____

Position/Role _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Please check if needed: Vegetarian Lunch Interpreter (please specify) _____

Please note any other needs: _____

Are you a member of a School Governance Council? Yes No

Which school is it part of? _____

Will you be attending the session specifically for School Governance Council members from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.? Yes No

Please complete the application fully and return to:

Engagement Forum, SERC, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457.