

Sunday - March 4, 2012 / 4 - 5 p.m.

Annual Professional Performance Review: Lessons Learned and Preparing for the Future

Presenters: Robert B. McClure, Superintendent-in-Residence, THE COUNCIL & LEAF, Inc.
Jon G. Hunter, Superintendent, Fairport
Jere I. Hochman, Superintendent, Bedford
John “Jack” E. Bierwirth, Herricks

*All three are members of the Regents Task Force for Teacher and Principal Effectiveness.**

This panel of experts will share lessons that they have learned over the past year and how they are preparing their districts for the future. Robert McClure will provide an update on new developments related to APPR and how LEAF, Inc. is responding to the needs of the field.

Presented by Leadership for Educational Achievement Foundation, Inc. (LEAF, Inc.)



Producing the Learning Our Children Deserve with the Resources Our Taxpayers Can Afford

Presenters: Robert N. Lowry, Jr., Deputy Director, THE COUNCIL
Kyle McCauley Belokopitsky, Esq., Assistant Director for Government Relations, THE COUNCIL

Join your advocacy team as we explore and discuss how school resources might produce more learning for our students – and how state policy changes can help.

Participating superintendents will discuss innovative ideas being deployed in their districts. Have an honest conversation of what works and what does not work in advancing productivity and learning, and how state policies either promote or impede progress.

It’s time to think differently in these fiscal times, exploring new and inventive ways to use scarce resources to maximize student performance. Bring your ideas and thinking hats with you on this journey to develop legislative, regulatory and systematic change to traditional educational concepts.

Legal Briefing #1 What’s New in Special Education Law?

Presiding: Jacinda H. Conboy, Esq.
General Counsel, THE COUNCIL
Presenter: Bruce A. Goldstein, Esq., Senior Partner
Goldstein, Ackerhalt, & Pletcher, LLP

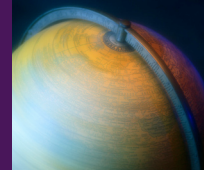
Learn about the newest case law and developments concerning how school districts can and should respond to new developments in Special Education. This session will cover a variety of current topics such as the impact of the new Autism insurance law and recent cases addressing district reimbursement for private placements.

Presented with Premier Silver Partner Goldstein, Ackerhalt & Pletcher, LLP

**Pre-registration is required.*

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Monday - March 5, 2012 / 3 - 4 p.m.

Considering the “I” in RtI

Presiding: Mary Alice Price, Superintendent, Pittsford & President, LEAF, Inc.

Presenter: Dr. Donna Scanlon, Professor, University at Albany, State University of New York

The importance of providing comprehensive, coherent, and responsive literacy instruction to children who become involved in an RtI process due to difficulties with reading development in the early primary grades will be discussed in this session.

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An Armchair Discussion with the Educational Advocacy World

Moderator: Robert N. Lowry, Jr., Deputy Director, THE COUNCIL

This armchair discussion will feature a variety of education advocates and legislative and executive staff discussing the future of education in New York.

Hear different perspectives from labor and management, legislative and executive staff, as we try to come to agreement and find solutions to the challenges schools face in these times. Guided by THE COUNCIL's advocacy leader Bob Lowry, participants and presenters will discuss issues such as school finance, equity in funding, mandate relief, and the state's educational “reform” agenda.

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Legal Briefing #2

The Bottom Line: Protecting Me and My District from Legal Liability

Presiding: Jacinda H. Conboy, Esq., General Counsel, THE COUNCIL

Presenters: Colleen Q. Heinrich, Esq., Partner, and Charles E. Symons, Esq., Associate

Gain a better understanding of the important legal principles applicable to your daily responsibilities as superintendent and real life examples of successes and failures. Some of the topics covered will include: the tough real life issues surrounding a question of mandatory reporting (and the consequences); dealing with a hazardous substance release on school grounds; handling the First Amendment constitutional challenges that arise from staff or community demands (i.e. censorship and/or religious accommodation); complying with duties for a safe school premises and potential liability; ensuring student safety when faced with allegations of bullying or cyber bullying; addressing allegations of cheating on test scoring.

Presented with Signature Partner Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, P.C.

Monday - March 5, 2012 / 6 - 8 p.m.

Economic & Fiscal Outlook for the State and Schools Presentation and Dinner

Presenter: Robert Lowry, Jr., Deputy Director, THE COUNCIL

Listen to Bob Lowry and his analysis of Governor Cuomo's proposed budget and the economic and fiscal outlook for the state and schools. Dinner will be provided. Pre-registration for this program is encouraged.

Dinner sponsored by Signature Partners ECG Engineering, LLC and The Pike Company; and Premier Diamond Partner Core BTS, Inc.