

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION POLICY, RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT

Force for Change

Overview

As the Master Plan process evolves, the importance of looking beyond publication to actual implementation is clear. Excellence in education requires a sustained, ongoing focus on a limited number of major initiatives with broad-based involvement and support.

Education reform efforts over the past 20-30 years have spurred the establishment of independent and public organizations involving business, education, and community leaders dedicated to the continuous improvement of learning opportunities. A few examples of statewide initiatives include:

Georgia's Partnership for Excellence in Education; Kentucky's Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; the Public School Forum of North Carolina; South Carolina Business Center for Excellence in Education; Tennessee Tomorrow; and, in Florida the Florida Chamber Foundation World Class Education Center.

In recent months CEPRI has begun conversations with representatives of some of these initiatives at informal workshops held prior to Council meetings. For example, on May 13, 2003, in Orlando, John Dornan, president of The Public School Forum of North Carolina, discussed the work of his organization as well as related initiatives including NC Partners, The Education Policy Makers Institute; and the Education: Everybody's Business Coalition.

In the months ahead, the Council will converse with representatives of existing alliances as well as organizations that could be active partners in assuring that the full potential of Florida's K-20 system is achieved.

Preliminary Timeline

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| June 10-11 | Ft. Lauderdale <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Workshop with Superintendents John Fryer and Frank Till➤ Preliminary summary of key Florida organizations with a stake in educational quality |
| July 8-9 | Orlando <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Workshop , Carolyn Roberts, Chair, Board of Governors➤ Overview of promising partnerships/alliances nationwide |
| August 12-13 | Ft. Myers <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Workshop, TBA➤ External sources of support for collaboration |
| September 9-10 | Tampa <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Workshop, School Superintendent(s)➤ Identification of possible members of alliance |

October 7-8

Tallahassee

- Workshop , School Board Representative(s)
- Preliminary proposal

November

- Finalize proposal for alliance