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Dropout Prevention:
Strategies for improving high school graduation rates
June 19, 2008

Agenda

- 8:30 Registration:** *Auditorium, Third Floor, Legislative Building*
- 9:00 Welcome**
The Honorable Joe Hackney, Speaker of the House
- 9:05 Setting the Stage: The Dropout Problem in the United States and North Carolina**
Introduction of speakers
Jim Johnson, former Director of the N.C. General Assembly Fiscal Research Division and Visiting Professor of the Practice of Public Policy at Duke University
- 9:20 Identifying and Addressing the Conditions that Push Students Out of School**
Irving Hamer, Ed.D., Executive Vice President for Client Services and Strategic Development, The Millennium Group
- 9:55 Meeting Six Critical Challenges for Improving Low-Performing High Schools**
James Kemple, Ed.D., Director of K-12 Education Policy Area, MDRC
- 10:30 Building System Capacity to Improve High School Graduation Rates**
Russell W. Rumberger, Ph.D., Professor of Education in the Gervitz Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Director, University of California Linguistic Minority Research Institute; and Director, California Dropout Research Project
- 11:05 Interactive Panel with Seminar Speakers**
Moderator: Jim Johnson
- 12:15 Lunch Session**
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Level A Meeting Room