



Soaring to New Heights in the Middle

A Summit on New Hampshire Middle Level Education

PSU Concord, NH

Friday, March 19, 2010

The **Goal of the Summit** is to bring key constituencies together to clearly articulate what is needed in middle grades classrooms to successfully meet the needs of middle level learners in New Hampshire.

The release of NHAMLE's position paper, "**Soaring to New Heights in the Middle**" will be a highlight of this summit. This paper articulates a vision and clarifies the standards for middle level education that will enable practitioners and policy personnel to better understand the many facets that comprise effective learning for young adolescents in our schools.

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**
Coffee and pastries will be available
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Welcome** – Deb Lachance, NHAMLE President
Greeting – Kathleen Murphy, Office of the Commissioner of Education
Keynote – Dr. Robert Spear, Executive Director NELMS
- 10:45 – 12:15 Session A – Breakout by Strand
- a) **Climate/Culture** – Facilitators Michael Hogan, Jackie Oros
 - b) **Personnel** – Facilitators Bob Spear, Chris Sousa
 - c) **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment** – Facilitators Mary Ellen Arigo, Deb Lachance
 - d) **Professional Development** – Facilitators Cheryl Baker, Emily Kelley
 - e) **Organizational Structure** – Facilitators Paul Asbell, Dan O'Donnell
 - f) **Family/Community** – Facilitators Erv Connary, Lynne Ellis
- 12:15 – 1:00 Lunch – Provided
- 1:00 – 2:30 Session B – Reports from morning sessions –Dr. Robert Spear, Facilitator
Goal: *Each Summit participant leaves with a consensus around a vision for effectively educating young adolescents in New Hampshire .*
- a) What are the **benefits** of implementing best middle level practices in New Hampshire?
 - b) What are the **barriers** to implementation?
 - c) What **action plans** are needed in order to make a difference?
- 2:30 – 2:45 Next Steps/Conclusions

