

## **Colorado Summit on Blended Learning**

March 18, 2010

The Curtis Hotel

1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO

9:00am – 5:00pm

### **Overview:**

Sufficient activities and research exist today to demonstrate that online and blended learning (use of both classroom and online learning within one program) can expand educational opportunities and improve outcomes for a wide range of students. We see pockets of innovation sprouting-up across our state and nation; however, expansion of such efforts is happening at a much slower pace than many would like to see happen here in Colorado. As such, we are convening a group of education and policy leaders from our state to learn more about innovative blended learning programs and systems (locally and nationwide) and to discuss what we need to do in Colorado in order to create the next generation of classrooms and schools that fully integrate online and leading technology into their programs in order to prepare students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Specifically, we would like to:

- Understand the blended and online learning landscape nationwide and how Colorado's efforts compare with those in other states.
- Showcase leading-edge programs and systems that are moving blended learning forward in exciting directions.
- Explore policy changes needed to eliminate constraints and to provide further growth of blended learning in Colorado.

### **Schedule:**

#### **9:00am — Welcome /Opening Remarks**

- Colorado's Lt. Governor, Barbara O'Brien

#### **9:20am – Quick overview of the history of online in CO & Introduction of Susan Patrick, Heather O'Mara, HOPE Online**

#### **9:30am—National online and blended learning landscape**

- Susan Patrick, President & CEO, International Association for K12 Online Learning (iNACOL)

#### **10:30am – 10:45am – Break**

**10:45am – Programs and schools that are incorporating new technologies and blended learning to reorganize the delivery of education in innovative ways.**

**Moderator:** John Watson, Founder of the Evergreen Education Group

- Joel Rose, CEO, School of One, NYC Department of Education
- Todd Yarch, Principal, VOISE Academy, Chicago Public Schools
- Jonathan Bergmann & Aaron Sams, Woodland Park High School, Colorado
- Mary Schlegelmilch, eLearning Supervisor, Omaha Public Schools

**12:15pm – 12:30 – Break**

**12:30pm – Keynote Lunch Speaker**, Colorado's Education Commissioner, Dwight Jones, will introduce keynote speaker, Michael Horn, co-author of "*Disrupting Class*" & Executive Director of Education at the Innosight Institute

**1:30pm – 3:15pm – Discussion & examples of key policies & systems that foster the growth of blended & online learning**

**Moderator:** John Watson, Founder of the Evergreen Education Group

**Panelists:**

- Chris Rapp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
- Mickey Revenaugh, Senior Vice President, Connections Academy
- Todd Hitchcock, Vice President, Virtual Learning, Pearson Learning
- John Kuglin, Consultant, eNetColorado
- Myk Garn, Director of Educational Technology, Southern Regional Education Board

**3:15pm – 3:30pm – Break**

**3:30pm – 4:45pm – Next Steps for CO: what specific strategies should we embark on that will lead us to greater use of blended learning in our state?**

**Moderator:** Tony Lewis, Executive Director, Donnell-Kay Foundation

**Panelists:**

- Dwight Jones, Commissioner, Colorado Department of Education
- Michael Horn, Co-author of "*Disrupting Class*" & Executive Director, Education at the Innosight Institute
- Susan Patrick, President & CEO, iNACOL
- Ed Vandertook, Superintendent, Strasburg School District
- Kurt LeVasseur, Director for Online Learning, Boulder Valley School District

**4:45pm – 5:00pm –Closing Remarks**, Tony Lewis, Donnell-Kay Foundation