



State of Illinois
Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS SYMPOSIUM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009
JOLIET CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- 9:00am **Registration** (exhibits open, breakfast, networking)
- 10:00am **Welcoming Address:**
Dr. Paul Swanstrom, Superintendent, Joliet Township High School District 204
Larry M. Walsh, County Executive, Will County (invited)
- 10:15am **Keynote Address: Governor Pat Quinn**
- 10:45am **Report Presentation: *Significance of School Location & Community-Centered Schools***
Jon Zirkle, Office of the Lt. Governor
Mary Filardo, Executive Director, 21st Century Schools Fund (Washington, DC)
- 11:15am **Morning Plenary Session: *Greening School Facilities & Operations***
Greening Renovations, Additions & New Construction
Joseph Clair, Board Chair, USGBC Chicago Chapter; and Director of Campus Energy & Sustainability, Illinois Institute of Technology
School Transportation and Planning
Owen Read, Illinois Safe Routes to School Director, Active Transportation Alliance
- 12:00pm **Lunch** (exhibits open, networking)
- 1:00pm **Breakout Session I** (choose one)
Greening Curriculum Standards
Jennifer Schwarz Ballard, PhD, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Chicago Botanic Garden
Ray Coleman, Principal, St. Monica Academy
Walking to School in Illinois: Benefits, Strategies, and Case Studies
Royce Yeater, Midwest Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Russell Pietrowiak, Associate Planner, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Ed Hanna, Rock Island Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force
David Rockwell, School Board Member, Rock Island-Milan School District 41
Water: Indoor and Outdoor Water Best Practices
Michael Lopez, Director of Building Operations & Maintenance
Valley View SD (Romeoville)
Tim Holzworth, Campus Naturalist, Fox Country Day School
Waste, Recycling, and Composting Programs
Suzanne Carlson, Environmental Programs Manager, Chicago Public Schools
Brett Ivers, Bureau of Recycling & Energy, DCEO
Sustainable School Meet and Greet: Networking, Idea-Sharing, and Goal Setting
- 1:45 p.m. **Transition**

- 2:00 p.m. **Breakout Session II** (choose one)
Experiential Environmental Learning
 Jessica Prince, Northeast Regional Director, Environmental Education Association of Illinois; Environmental Education Supervisor, Forest Preserve District of Will County
 Alison Kate Varty, Coordinator of Solutions to Environmental Problems program, Loyola University Chicago,
Green Cleaning & Indoor Air Quality: Health and Educational Performance Benefits
 Mark Bishop, Deputy Director, Healthy Schools Campaign
 Cesar Santoy, VP of Capital and Construction Projects, UNO Charter School Network
Sustainable Food: Adding Local and Organic Food Offerings
 Micheline Piekarski, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Oak Park & River Forest High School
Collaborative Environmental Programs: District-wide and School + Community Projects
 Harry Hendrickson, Executive Director, Illinois Science Teacher Association
 Elizabeth Woods and Gary Swick, science teachers, Dundee Crown High School
Energy: Reductions, Retrofits, and Renewables
 David Baker, Manager of Energy Efficiency/Energy Policy, DCEO
 Jack Harrier, Energy Educator, Danville School District 188
 Brad Cox, Superintendent, Erie CUSD 1
- 2:45 p.m. **Transition**
- 3:00 p.m. **Closing speaker: *Leave No Child Inside and the Outdoor Bill of Rights***
 Peggy Stewart, Manager of Outdoor and Environmental Education, Chicago Park District; Education Team Co-Chair, Chicago Wilderness
- 3:30 p.m. **Tours of on-site facilities** (optional)
 Historic architecture, creative-reuse of facilities, planetarium, indoor track, and more
- 4:00 p.m. **End of program**