



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
- 10:15am **Keynote Address: Governor Pat Quinn**
- 10:45am **Report Presentation: *Significance of School Location & Community-Centered Schools***  
**Jon Zirkle**, Sustainable Schools Fellow, Office of the Governor  
**Mary Filardo**, Executive Director, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Fund (Washington, D.C.)
- 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  
    **Tessa Bergan**, Food Service Supervisor, Organic School Project  
***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 118  
    **Brad Cox**, Superintendent, Erie Community Unit School District 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**