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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome
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8:35 a.m. Progress to Date and What’s Ahead
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8:50 a.m. Delaware’s Strategic Plan for Public Education and Race to the Top Goals
Lillian M. Lowery, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education

9:10 a.m. SESSION ONE
Ensuring Highly Effective Teachers for All Delaware Students
The research is clear, compelling, and not surprising: Students with highly effective teachers do well in school. This session will explore what Delaware must do to recruit, support, and keep more great teachers, and to distribute them equitably to all classrooms.

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10:10 a.m. Audience Response and Discussion

10:25 a.m. SESSION TWO
Turning Around Our Lowest-Performing Schools
Forty-thousand Delaware students are in schools that failed to meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets in 2009, and 26,000 of those are in schools that have not met their targets for at least five consecutive years. In this session, national and local experts will discuss how to build an intensive support system to reverse the crisis of chronically low-performing schools, so every student in Delaware gets the quality education he or she deserves.

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11:25 a.m. Audience Response and Discussion

11:40 a.m. Break for Luncheon

12:00 p.m. Luncheon
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12:05 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Governor Jack Markell

12:10 p.m. Keynote Address
Arne Duncan, Secretary, US Department of Education

12:45 p.m. Audience Response and Discussion

1:00 p.m. Introduction to Governor’s Remarks
Paul A. Herdman, President & CEO, Rodel Foundation of Delaware

1:05 p.m. Remarks
Governor Jack Markell

1:30 p.m. Audience Response and Discussion

1:45 p.m. Conference Adjourns

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