

K-12 STEM Education Policy Conference  
Washington, DC  
July 12-13, 2011

**Conference Agenda (tentative)**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

*Morning travel for participants*

12:30 p.m

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:** U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (invited) and John Holdren, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) (invited)

**From the Inside Looking Out: Federal Education Initiatives that Target STEM Education Reform and Success**

The Obama Administration has made STEM education a national priority. Invited speakers from the U.S. Department of Education, White House Domestic Policy Council, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, will discuss their top STEM initiatives and answer questions from participants.

**Capitol Hill Staff Panel**

Will they or won't they? Key Hill staffers will answer questions about efforts to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) and how it will affect STEM education, discuss the current climate in Congress and what Congress thinks about STEM education, and examine what's ahead for the recently reauthorized America Competes.

**Meeting Your Member of Congress and Perspectives on STEM Legislation from Stakeholder Groups**

During this session, panelists will present a quick legislative update on current STEM legislation and distribute and discuss talking points to participants for their Congressional visits the next day.

**Making Sense of the (Changing) STEM Landscape – Interactive Dialogue**

In this session participants and guests are invited to share their thoughts, ideas and questions arising from the earlier sessions. Using a method called The World Café, this session will tap into our innate desire to explore the content and opinions shared earlier in the day and make them personally relevant.

## **Networking Reception**

Participants are invited to discuss the day's events and gear up for Hill visits the next day during this network cocktail reception, sponsored by Hands-on Science Partnership.

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## **Capitol Hill Visits**

