



New England 'Education Built to Last' Facilities Best Practices Tour
Monday, July 29, 2013
AGENDA

This summer, the U.S. Department of Education is conducting a best-practices tour of school facilities, "Education Built to Last." The purpose of the tour is to spotlight best practices in school design, construction, operations, and management and to receive input as to how the U.S. Department of Education can encourage innovation and improvement regarding school facilities.

The second stop on the Education Built to Last tour is in Providence, where school leaders from southern New England will gather to meet with officials from the U.S. Department of Education: Green Ribbon Schools Director Andrea Falken and Donald Yu, Special Advisor to the Secretary of Education. Rhode Island is proud to have four Green Ribbon Award-winning schools, including The Compass School and three Providence schools: Classical High School, Nathan Bishop Middle School, and the Providence Career and Technical Academy.

Location: Providence Career and Technical Academy
41 Fricker St. Providence, RI 02903

8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

8:45 to 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Remarks – Providence Superintendent Susan Lusi
Lincoln Chafee, Governor of Rhode Island
Jack Reed, United States Senator
Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator
Angel Taveras, Mayor of Providence
Deborah Gist, Rhode Island Commissioner of Education

9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Facilities Best Practices Listening Session – Andrea Falken, USED Director of Green Ribbon Schools Program (moderator)
Deborah Gist, Rhode Island Commissioner of Education
Susan Lusi, Superintendent Providence Public Schools District
Donald Yu, Special Advisor to Secretary of Education, USED
Curt Spalding, US EPA Region 1 Regional Administrator
Allen Zipke, Director of The Compass School
William Leahy, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Eastern CT State University

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tour of Providence Career and Technical Academy / Design Academy Classroom Visit

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. Travel to Nathan Bishop
Location: 101 Session Street, Providence, RI 02906

11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Tour of Nathan Bishop Middle School