

## Exploring Innovative Schools and Policy Supports that Prepare College and Career Ready Students

New York City  
October 16-18, 2012  
Agenda

### Study Tour Goals:

The goal of this study tour is for participants to learn about schools that incorporate rigorous academics, deeper learning experiences, higher order skills, and innovative and effective practices to create personalized learning experiences and prepare students for college and career success. Participants will hear from, and discuss with, high-level education policy leaders in an effort to develop an understanding of the policy conditions, such as capacity building, professional development, funding, Common Core-aligned curriculum, instruction, and assessments, etc., that will allow support for innovative approaches, such as those featured in the site visits to schools, to expand.

They will visit two schools in New York City that are using different models to provide rich academic learning in personalized settings. Through conversations with students, teachers and administrators participants will witness first-hand how instruction, assessment and school culture can differ from that in traditional school settings, and how these schools are striving to promote mastery of core academic content; critical thinking and problem solving; working collaboratively; communicating effectively; and students' ability to learn how to learn.

### Tuesday, October 16, 2012:

**Hotel: Park Central New York**, 870 Seventh Avenue at 56<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019

5:00 – 6:15pm            **Welcome, Introductions, Study Tour Overview (Manhattan Skyline B Room)**

6:30 – 8:30pm            **Dinner and Keynote Speaker (Park Room)**  
**Dr. John B. King, Jr.**, Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York, will provide an overview of the innovative education policy landscape in New York State. He will discuss the efforts underway to address college and career readiness and deeper learning skills, as well as the focus on Common Core State Standards.

### Wednesday, October 17, 2012:

6:30 – 7:45am            **Breakfast at hotel. (Times Square Room)**

7:45 – 9:00am            **Presentation: Setting the Stage for Innovation in New York City**

**Dennis M. Walcott**, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education, will discuss New York City's success in utilizing innovative approaches to educate city students, including incentivizing the Innovation Zone (iZone), and encouraging college and career readiness.

**David A. Weiner**, Deputy Chancellor, Division of Talent, Labor, and Innovation, New York City Department of Education, will discuss New York City's iZone360 initiative and the city's partnership with various innovative school networks, including Asia Society and Expeditionary Learning.

- 9:00 – 9:25am      **Presentation: Overview of Asia Society**  
**Anthony Jackson, Vice President for Education, Asia Society** will provide an overview of the Asia Society network and highlight key points to observe on the school visit to CSI High School for International Studies.
- 9:25am              **Depart hotel**
- 9:25 – 10:25am      **Travel to CSI High School for International Studies**
- 10:30am – 2:00pm      **Site Visit at CSI High School for International Studies, Staten Island**  
**100 Essex Drive, Staten Island, New York, 10314**  
**Principal: Joseph J. Canale, Esq.              Phone: (718) 370-6900**  
This visit will include a briefing by the principal, an opportunity to interact with a panel of teachers, and hear from students directly about their experiences. The visit will focus on communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills.
- 2:10 – 2:20pm              **Break**
- 2:20 – 3:45pm              **Debrief and Participant Peer-to-Peer Discussion**
- 3:45pm                  **Board bus, and return to hotel in New York City**
- 6:30 – 8:30pm              **Dinner and State Breakout Sessions (Times Square Room)**  
This session, facilitated by Linda Pittenger, will provide state teams with time to consider what they have learned to date on the trip, and to have more time, beyond the earlier peer to peer discussion time, to contemplate the implications for their own work.

**Thursday, October 18, 2012**

- 6:30 – 7:30am              **Breakfast at hotel (Times Square room)**
- 7:30 – 8:20am              **Speaker: Scott Hartl, President and CEO, Expeditionary Learning** will provide an overview of the network and highlight key points to observe on the school visit.
- 8:20am                  **Board bus**
- 8:20 -9:15am              **Travel to Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School, Manhattan, NY**  
  
This visit will include a briefing by the principal, an opportunity to interact with a panel of teachers, and the chance to participate in a student-led conference. Classroom visits will conclude the site tour.
- 9:30am – 12pm              **Site Visit to Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School**  
**511 West 182<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10033**  
**Principal: Brett Kimmel              Phone: (212) 781-0524**
- 12 – 12:45pm              **Box Lunch and Final Participant Debrief**
- 12:45pm                  **Depart for Airport**