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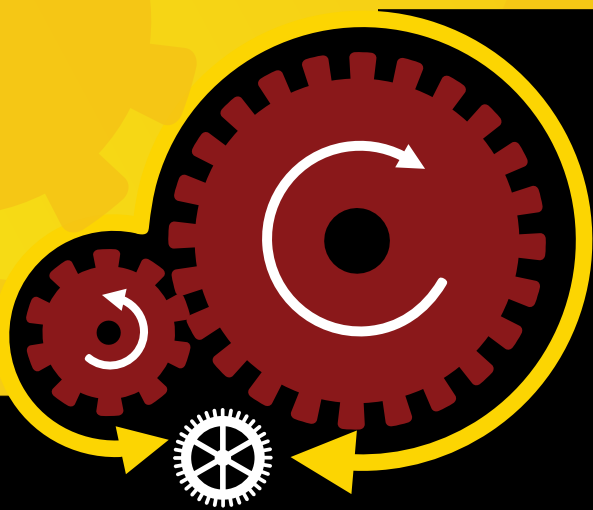
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2008-10 ECS Chair, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty accepts the gavel from 2006-08 ECS Chair and Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, now Secretary nominee, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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- * **Managing human capital: Strategies states can use**
Allan R. Odden, Professor, Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Co-Director, Consortium for Policy Research in Education in the Wisconsin Center for Education Research
- * **Allowing innovation: What inhibits and what enables?**
Clayton M. Christensen, the Robert and Jane Cizik Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School, author of *Disrupting Class* (2008)
- * **How Tennessee and Educational Testing Service (ETS) teamed up to improve math education, and how your state can benefit**
Michael Nettles, Senior Vice President, ETS Policy Evaluation and Research Center
Staff from the Tennessee Department of Education
- * **The effects of federal, state and local education policy on schools and classrooms and how our education system can and must be aligned to the global workforce**
Richard Elmore, Gregory R. Anrig Professor of Educational Leadership at Harvard University and Director, Consortium for Policy Research in Education
- * **Making schools a vehicle for upward mobility: How America can make strategic investments to improve education and workforce outcomes for underserved students**
Uri Treisman, Executive Director of the Charles A. Dana Center and professor of mathematics and of public affairs at the University of Texas, Austin
- * **Anticipated panel of governors responding to the challenges around education and the workforce**
Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty to host
- * **What have we learned about closing the gaps in college access and success?**
Kati Haycock, President, Education Trust



Legislative Plaza at Night/photo by Cynthia Tanksley

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SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

21ST CENTURY SKILLS — FLAVOR OF THE MONTH OR THE WAY FORWARD?

Discover emerging state practices and lessons learned in developing 21st century standards

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON MATH EDUCATION

How Tennessee and ETS teamed up to improve math education — highlights lessons learned

ASSESSING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Looks at how to assess student skills mastery in civic engagement, critical thinking, teamwork, integrity and personal responsibility

BENEFITS OF MULTI-STATE COLLABORATION

Three New England states share how they worked together to develop common grade-level expectations and assessments

BOOSTING HIGHER ED COOPERATION TO PRODUCE NEEDED K-12 SCIENCE AND MATH TEACHERS

The National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and ECS discuss efforts to forge greater state university cooperation aligned to each state's need for science and math teachers

BUILDING STEPPING STONES INTO THE WORKFORCE

Innovative strategies to move more low-skilled, low-wage adults into livable-wage jobs

DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION

Allowing solutions such as computer-based learning to take root — what inhibits and what enables?

EDUCATION, THE ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Determining workforce and workplace issues — how to certify student skills to get students moving up the economic ladder

GETTING PAST GO — DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION DRIVES COLLEGE SUCCESS

Strategies that leverage developmental education to increase postsecondary attainment

LINKING EARLY LEARNING AND THE EARLY GRADES

Outlines a framework of state policies to increase continuity across early learning systems to boost school readiness and student success

MAKING THE MOST OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

How to maximize the use of these new dollars for the “biggest bang”

MOVING P-20 AGENDAS FORWARD IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

Reveals high-leverage efforts to improve P-20 transitions, build public/private partnerships and further P-20 goals

TAPPING TECHNOLOGY TO MAXIMIZE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Explores emerging technologies to improve content delivery, boost student engagement and assess contents mastery and skills

TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS

Insights into managing human capital for strategic reforms — better teachers for big gains in student learning

TEACHING QUALITY AND LEADERSHIP

Thought-provoking policy and strategy recommendations for wide-scale improvements across states

WHAT'S NEXT IN HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

Pulls back the curtain on the new college-ready definition, shares ways to predict college success and discusses well-honed dropout prevention measures

For a complete list of sessions, descriptions, dates and times,
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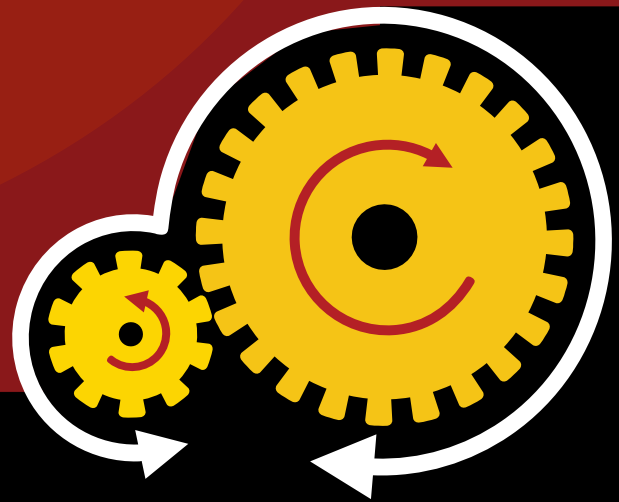
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Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty
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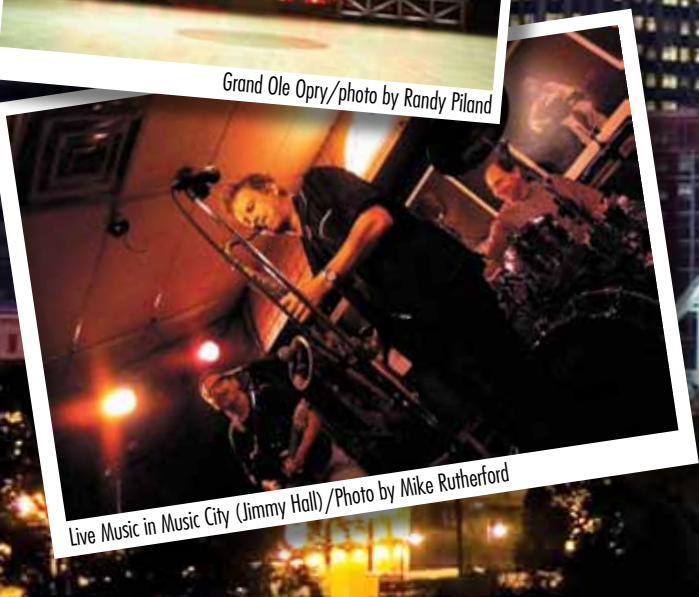
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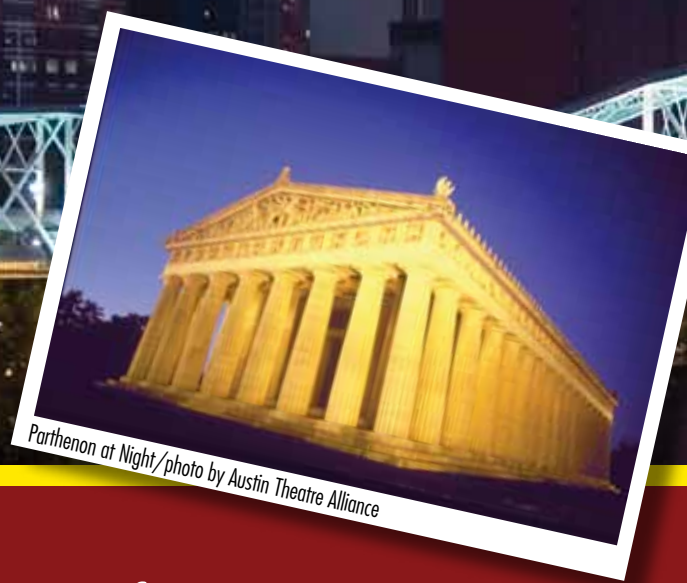
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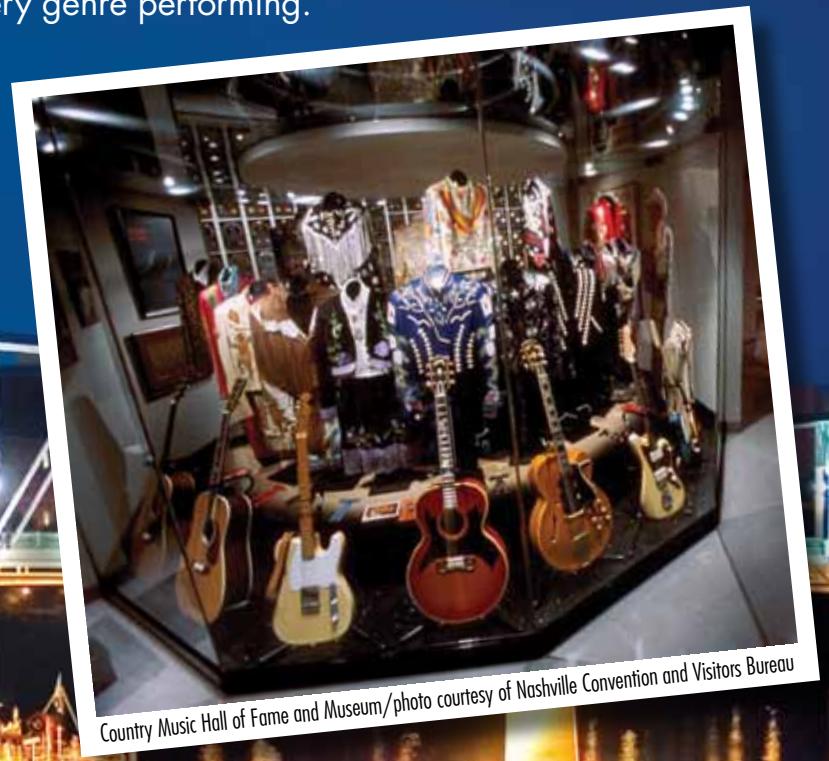
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- * Meet the 2009 State Teachers of the Year, thanks to the generous support of the National Education Association (NEA).
- * Visit with members of the 100 District Leaders Network (DLN).

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