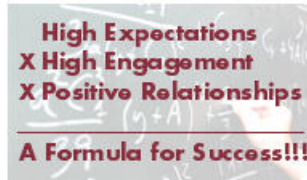


January 14, 2009

Accelerated Schools plus, sponsored by the Institute for Urban School Improvement at the University of Connecticut, is pleased to present

**2009 Accelerated Schools plus Annual Conference:**

***A Formula for Success!***



The conference will take place on February 18-20, 2009 at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley in California. This letter is an invitation to our current and previous Accelerated Schools plus's friends to join us for this exciting events.

**Registration** will take place in the foyer area of the Sierra ballroom during the following times:

Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday** evening promises a good time as we kick off the conference with an **opening /keynote session from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom**. Immediately following this opening session, reflection groups will meet 4 pm to 5 p.m. (Room assignments will be given upon arrival).

We will conclude the evening with a **welcome reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** to include good food, good times and a cash bar! Please join us!

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On **Thursday** conference sessions will begin at **8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.**

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**Friday's** session will begin at **8:30 a.m.** and the closing session will take place from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** leaving ample time for travel to the airport.

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- **Breakfast and lunch** will be provided for all participants both Thursday and Friday. A breakfast buffet will be set up each morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served between 12:00 and 1:00 pm each day.
- **Please dress casually and comfortably.** The weather in San Diego in February averages about 65 degrees during the day and around 50 degrees at night. A medium weight jacket is suggested, as well as dressing in light layers so you can adjust to the changing temperatures.

We are very excited about this year's conference and are looking forward to seeing you there. Additional information regarding the conference can be found at [www.acceleratedschools.net](http://www.acceleratedschools.net) or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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