

## CLOSING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT GAP



# A Call to Action

A School, Family & Community Partnership  
Coming together to ensure every child's path toward excellence

*~ All Hands on Deck ~*

*Our district can no longer wait. Together, we can raise achievement and close gaps for academic success.*

### Join us in a community-wide symposium

We know the achievement gap exists in our district. The Parenting Center's "Leap for Success" subcommittee will host a community-wide symposium to focus on **solutions** to tackling what has been called a "national disgrace" in the U.S. educational system. Featuring thought-provoking video clips from some of the nation's top thinkers in education, this multimedia and interactive symposium will take stock of where our district is in addressing the achievement gap. An all-star panel of experts will offer local strategies on **what works**. The community will have an opportunity to ask the experts questions, put forth suggestions and be part of the solution in moving students toward higher achievement.

#### **Opening Remarks and Panelist:**

◆ **Christopher Cerf**, Acting NJ Education Commissioner

#### **Panelists:**

- ◆ **Dr. Brian Osborne**, Superintendent of the South Orange/Maplewood School District
- ◆ **Andrea Wren-Hardin**, Board Member
- ◆ **Tina Lehn**, Principal, South Mountain Elementary School
- ◆ **Marianne Hess**, Assistant Principal, Tuscan Elementary School
- ◆ **Raquel Horn**, Assistant Principal, Seth Boyden Elementary School
- ◆ **Shayna Sackett**, Teacher, Seth Boyden

#### **Moderator:**

- ◆ **Barbara Heisler**, Executive Director of Funding Exchange and former Executive Director of the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race



**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**  
**7:00—8:30 pm**

**Clinton Elementary School**  
**27 Berkshire Road**  
**Maplewood, NJ 07040**

The "Leap for Success" subcommittee is a diverse group of parents/guardians who are committed to closing the achievement gap and ensuring every child's path toward educational success.