



ANNOUNCEMENT

New Online Resource Guide Supports Core Principles of High School Reform

January 3, 2007 - The National High School Alliance announces the launch of a new online resource to support its framework of six core principles and recommended strategies for preparing all youth for college, careers, and active civic participation. The **Resource Guide for Action: Transforming High School for All Youth** provides resources to help policymakers and practitioners take action around the core principles of *A Call to Action: Transforming High School for All Youth*.

The **Resource Guide for Action** brings together the expertise of the HS Alliance partners and other major organizations around the core principles on one central, easy-to-access web site. Tom Rudin, Executive Director of Grants Planning and Management at the College Board, one of the funders of the project, stated, *"This site provides easy access to a comprehensive set of best-practice resources for educators and policymakers organized around six central themes."* Gregg Bethell, Senior Vice President of the National Academy Foundation in New York, New York also praised the Resource Guide. He stated, *"Calls for change in America's high schools have become commonplace. The HS Alliance Resource Guide will help connect NAF's network of teachers, administrators and business partners to the tools, resources and expertise they need to affect that change."*

For each core principle of *A Call to Action*, the **Resource Guide for Action** provides:

- **Recommended strategies** that represent the HS Alliance partners' knowledge of the effective policies and practices that drive the transformation of high schools;
- **Indicators protocols** designed to collect, organize, and review observations about the about school and district level practices;
- Links to the websites of HS Alliance partners with **Expertise**;
- **Resources for practitioners**, including case studies, frameworks, toolkits, and other strategies;
- **Resources for policymakers** on all levels, including position papers, policy case studies, policy frameworks, and related strategies; and
- **Research**, including syntheses of current research and bibliographies with links to relevant studies and articles.

Access the Resource Guide for Action at www.hsalliance.org.

A Call to Action: Transforming High School for All Youth, the framework upon which the Resource Guide for Action is based, represents the collective knowledge of the HS Alliance's partner organizations. The framework provides a starting point for building public will, developing supportive policies, and implementing practices to transform our nation's high schools. Over 10,000 copies have been distributed and thousands more have been requested and downloaded from the website. The framework has helped to shape policy and practice at the national, state, district, school, and community levels.

The National High School Alliance, established in 2002, is a partnership of over fifty national organizations whose leaders share a vision for a nationwide commitment to fostering high achievement, closing the achievement gap, and promoting civic and personal growth among all youth in our high schools and communities. These partner organizations have committed to work together to achieve this vision by individually and collectively informing policy, practice, research, and promoting public engagement and awareness. The HS Alliance is housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC.

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