



***Great Lakes TURN
Teacher Union Reform
Network
Of AFT and NEA Locals***

April 9, 2014

Dear Great Lakes TURN Colleague,

As you know, our next **GL TURN Labor-Management Collaboration Conference: *Retooling Our Profession- Collaboratively Navigating Amid Systems in Flux*** is scheduled for **May 1-2, 2014** at the Double Tree Chicago-Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515. For directions and additional information about our meeting facility, log onto:

http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/ORDWBDT-DoubleTree-Suites-by-Hilton-Hotel-Conference-Center-Chicago-Downers-Grove-Illinois/index.do

This GL TURN Forum will focus on how to collaboratively navigate the myriad of education reform policies and initiatives that are causing great stress on our systems. We have assembled presenters, both from our local unions and districts as well as nationally recognized specialists and guests to showcase and share their efforts in our Regional TURN Communities of Practice in ways that enable us to learn from and support each other's work.

Topics include:

- ***Building Collaborative Structures & Processes to Implement and Refine the CCSS, Assessments and Teacher Evaluation Systems, featuring Dr. W. Patrick Dolan, author of Restructuring Our Schools: A Primer for Systems Change***
- ***Linking CCSS Assessments, Instruction & Professional Development, featuring PARCC and Smarter Balanced***
- ***Emerging Case Studies that integrate Collaborative Approaches to Implementing Education Reform Initiatives featuring Schaumburg School District 54 and Marquardt District 15***
- ***Refining Teacher Evaluation Systems to Improve Professional Practice featuring Glenview District 34 and Batavia District 101***
- ***Peer Assistance & Review***
- ***The Changing Roles of District Administration, Union Leadership, Boards of Education, School and Teacher Leaders in Role Alike Breakout Sessions.***
- ***Regional TURN Communities of Practice***
- ***Collaborative Team Planning and Critical Friend Review***

Our GL TURN locals are encouraged to invite representatives from their district and school administration, boards of education and community leaders to join their teams for this two-day forum. We continue to encourage our GL TURN locals and districts to continue to share their collaborative efforts to plan and implement teaching and learning initiatives as part of our Regional TURN Communities of Practice. Please come prepared to engage with other teams to listen, learn, push and support each other's work.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Deadline – April 25, 2014

To register for the **GL TURN Labor-Management Collaboration Conference: *Retooling Our Profession- Collaboratively Navigating Amid Systems in Flux***, log onto www.cecillinois.org. There is a \$120 per person registration fee, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch on both conference

days.

MEETING LOCATION:

GL TURN will convene at the **Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel & Conference Center Chicago-Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515**. For directions and additional information about our meeting facility, log onto:

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Deadline – April 15, 2014

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel & Conference Center Chicago-Downers Grove at 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL at a cost of \$109.00 plus taxes and fees per room per night. To guarantee room accommodations at this rate, you must make your **hotel reservations by April 15, 2014** by phoning **1-630-9710-2000** and requesting rooms for “Great Lakes TURN” block.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For more information about hotel accommodations or conference registration, please contact Laura Sestak (laura.sestak@cecillinois.org).

For more information about Great Lakes TURN, log onto: www.turnexchange.net.

We look forward to meeting with you on May 1-2, 2014.

Sincerely,

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