



*Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty*

2008 – 2009  
PARTNER DISTRICT  
NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS  
PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

**National Network of Partnership Schools Project**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to equip teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively with families and community resources to meet the needs of children of poverty.

**Description:** Research has proven that children are more successful in school when their families and communities are supportive of and involved in the work of the schools. The Center of Excellence began a partnership with the National Network of Partnership Schools of Johns Hopkins University beginning in Fall 2005 to assist Partner Districts in more effectively developing strong connections between schools, parents, and community partners. This collaborative project enables COE Partner Districts to join the Network and to be trained in goal-oriented research-driven strategies. The work of the project is based upon a school improvement council model and will meet requirements set forth by No Child Left Behind legislation.

**Leadership:** Markey Bee, *COE School, Parent, Community Liaison*, will assist NNPS Partnership schools in the development of the required ‘Action Teams for Partnerships’ and ‘One-Year Action Plans.’ The Center of Excellence will provide schools with the support necessary for fulfillment of the requirements of the program, and will facilitate two Training Workshops and the End-of-Year Celebration.

**COE Participants:** The Center of Excellence will pay the \$200 yearly membership fee for three schools in each partner district to have access to the NNPS services.

**School Requirements:** Each partnership school must create an Action Team for Partnerships, use the framework of six types of involvement to plan, write, and implement a One-Year Action Plan, allocate an annual budget for the work and activities of the school’s Action Team, allocate time for an initial day-long team training and at least one hour per month for the Action Team for Partnerships to plan, coordinate and evaluate activities, and complete an annual UPDATE survey to evaluate results.

**Schedule:**

NNPS One Day New Member Training Workshop	October 15, 2008	8:00 – 3:00
NNPS School, Family, Community Partnership Day and Luncheon	November 19, 2008	8:30 – 11:30 12:00 – 1:30
NNPS One Day New Member Training Workshop	April 8, 2009	8:00 – 3:00
NNPS End of the Year Breakfast Celebration	April 22, 2009	8:30 – 12:00

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