Evidence and Wisdom from New Orleans, Featured Symposium at Second Annual International School Choice and Academic Reform Conference

Stanford, CA  An esteemed panel will be featured at the symposium titled *Evidence and Wisdom from New Orleans* at the Second Annual International School Choice and Reform Academic Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Saturday, January 19th. New Schools for New Orleans CCEO, Neerav Kingsland, and Adam Hawf, Deputy Superintendent of Portfolio at the Recovery School District, will be joined by Caprice Young, Vice President of Education at The Arnold Foundation and will present first hand evidence and wisdom of school reform policies and efforts in New Orleans collected over the past decade. CREDO at Stanford University’s Director Dr. Margaret Raymond will be facilitating the conversation.

The body of evidence for this community is the richest and most comprehensive in the country. Policy makers and others have keen interest in knowing what the impact on student academic achievement has been. Perhaps more important, however, is the opportunity to assess the reform model in terms of its design features and compare it to the on-the-ground test and evolution. The panelists will present their accounts so that others may use these experiences as opportunities to leverage the knowledge gained about the sequencing and timing of the critical drivers of reform.

**Symposium Details**
Saturday January 19, 2013
10:45- 12:00
Session 2A, Hermitage Room

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New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and developing the people, resources and environment necessary to deliver on the promise of excellent public schools for every child in New Orleans. Founded in 2006, NSNO is committed to making strategic investments of time, expertise and funding to support the growth of New Orleans' high-performing system of charter schools. NSNO's work to support continued student achievement gains citywide is focused on three objectives: serving the city as a strategic leader to maintain focus on academic excellence in a reform-friendly environment; supporting the expansion of high-performing charter schools to serve additional students in collaboration with the community; and partnering with sustainable support organizations to ensure that the academic needs of schools are met as they continue to advance student learning. www.newschoolsforneworleans.org

The Recovery School District is transforming low-performing schools in Louisiana. Established in 2003, the Recovery School District is a special school district run by the Louisiana Department of Education that intervenes in the management of chronically low-performing schools. The Recovery School District has 80 schools, including direct-run schools and charter schools, and has agreements with school districts for managing schools that are eligible to be moved into the Recovery School District. The turnaround model is designed to support autonomy, accountability and innovation. www.rsdla.net