



**Alternative**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**INITIATIVE**

Principal Training & Support  
Mini Convening

The Challenge to Ascend

February 19 - February 21, 2009  
Denver, CO

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Thursday, February 19, 2009

Day One

3:00 PM

**Registration and Check In**  
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel  
1550 Court Place  
Denver, CO 80202  
303.893.3333

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

**Reception**

*Director's Row F*

6:00 PM

**Dinner and Kick-Off Session**  
**Welcome & Introductions**  
Playfulness, Imagination & Thinking OTB  
Guest: Deborah Meier  
Senior scholar & adjunct professor at New York University's Steinhardt School of Ed  
Founder and Co-Principal of Mission Hill School in Boston

*Director's Row F*

*Author of **The Power of Their Ideas, Lessons to America from a Small School in Harlem**  
**Will Standards Save Public Education?**  
**In Schools We Trust**  
**Many Children Left Behind***

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Friday, February 20, 2009

Day Two

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7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

**Breakfast**

*Director's Row F*

8:15am

**Challenge Activity!**

*Offsite*

Visit to the Forza Athletic Club  
[www.forzadenver.com](http://www.forzadenver.com)  
1849 Curtis St  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 294-9494

Comfortable clothes and tennis shoes recommended

9:30am

**Debrief Challenge**

*Director's Row E*

*10:00 am - 10:30 am*

*Snack station available*

10:00am - 11:10am

**Identifying Quality Leaders**

*Director's Row E*

The AHHSI Competencies  
Principal residency network selection strategies -- Elliot Washor, Big Picture Learning  
The Competency Based Interview

11:10am - 12:15pm

**Leadership Development & Support Part I** *Director's Row E*

Conflict Resolution & Consensus Building - Rona Wilensky  
Eagle Rock School Estes Park, CO

**Making Change Stick**

Michael Soguero Director of Professional Development Center  
Eagle Rock School Estes Park, CO

12:15pm - 1:00pm

**Lunch**

*Director's Row F*

1:00pm - 3:15pm

**Leadership Development & Support Part II** *Director's row E*

What do 1<sup>st</sup> year leaders need to know?

Solution Focused Counseling - Stephen Rice, Gateway to College

Face to Face Events - Michelle White & Carlos Moreno, Big Picture Learning

Julie Martin & Todd Goble, Street School Network

Orientation Strategies - Julie Martin & Todd Goble

Street School Network Monthly Webinars - Julie Martin

New Leaders for New Schools (Inside the Experience) - Gene Pinkard & Zakiya Sackor, See Forever & Maya Angelou Public Charter Schools

3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Visit w/ Michael Johnston**

*Director's Row E*

Author of *In the Deep Heart's Core*

*My own Journey: Lessons Learned*

*New Leaders for New Schools Critical Component Rationale*

4:15pm - 5:30pm

**Leadership Development & Support  
Debrief**

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**Evening On Your Own - Enjoy Downtown Denver!**

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Saturday, February 21, 2009

Day Three

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7:30am - 8:00am	<b>Breakfast</b>	<i>Director's Row J</i>
8:15am	<b>Challenge Activity!</b> Leadership Competencies "Live" The BHO Phenomenon : Group Challenge	<i>Director's Row I</i>
9:00am	<b>Debrief Challenge</b>	<i>Director's Row I</i>
9:30am - 11:00am	<b>Peer Consultancy Protocol</b>  AHSI Partners share Key Questions & Background Consultancy Sessions and Reflections	<i>Director's Row I</i>
11:00am -12:30pm	<b>Evaluation Systems</b>  Peer Review, Self Evaluation, Continuous Improvement Plans Site Evaluation protocol Linda Harris, Arlene Wooten & Gary Chapman Communities in Schools National, Communities in Schools of Georgia Principal Evaluation Systems Carlos Moreno, Big Picture Learning, Gene Pinkard, Zakiya Sakor, See Forever Maya Angelou Competency-Based Self and Peer Evaluation - All AHSI Partners Building a Culture of Continuous Improvement - All AHSI Partners	<i>Director's Row I</i>
12:30pm - 1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b> (boxed lunch)	<i>Director's Row I</i>
1:00pm - 1:30pm	<b>Closing Remarks and Evaluation</b>	<i>Director's Row I</i>
1:30pm	<b>Depart</b>	