

SYMPOSIUM

Steps to Student Achievement: Connecting Health with Learning for Students in Rockland Schools

April 24, 2007 • 4:00pm – 7:30pm
Cultural Arts Center, Rockland Community College
Complimentary Dinner

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Dr. Patrick Cooper

*Superintendent of Schools, McComb, Mississippi
President, Mississippi Alliance for School Health*

Nationally recognized speaker Dr. Cooper and the McComb district are known for the dramatic academic improvement achieved by their efforts to ensure that all children have what they need to succeed. Are the children healthy? Are they safe? Do they have a sense of belonging and self-esteem? These questions will be familiar to every Rockland educator.

The McComb district roadmap over the past nine years has been the Centers for Disease Control's Coordinated School Health Model, which looks at provision of school health services; family and community involvement; counseling, psychological and social services; school nutrition services, and more. Completion of the School Health Index assessment is the foundation of implementing the Coordinated School Health Model.

The McComb school district has just completed the ninth year of a thirteen-year longitudinal study which indicates positive results in academic, social, and emotional arenas such as: School dropout rates plummeted from 30% to less than 2%

Second-graders reading at grade level jumped from 11% to 85% in three years
School graduation rates climbed from 77% to 81%.

Dr. Cooper has served as the Executive Director for the CDC-funded National School Health Education Coalition in Washington, D.C. and serves on the Governor's Health Committee, working with the National Governor's Association in developing a national network on school/health partnerships.

WE WELCOME:

Board of Education members
Superintendents
Assistant superintendents
School administrators
District Health Advisory
Council members
Food service directors
School Health Index team members
School Wellness
Committee members
School nurses
Counselors
Health, physical education
and classroom teachers
Related school personnel
Family Resource Center
coordinators
PTA members
Parents
Elected representatives

PROGRAM

- Learning in Motion demonstration
- Sharing successes of the School Health Index
- Awards presentation

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