



**REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Forum for Education and Democracy**

*Invites you to attend a  
Capitol Hill Briefing:*

**“Beyond Standardized Tests:  
Investing in a Culture of Learning”**

*This briefing is dedicated to the memory of TheodoreSizer, a national leader in the school reform movement and a founding convener of the Forum for Education and Democracy*

**SPEAKERS:**

**Senator Russell Feingold**, U.S. Senate (invited)

**Deborah Meier**, Senior Scholar & Adjunct Professor (confirmed)  
Steinhardt School of Education  
New York University

**George H. Wood**, Executive Director (confirmed)  
Forum for Education and Democracy &  
Principal, Federal Hocking High School, Stewart, OH

**Jenerra Williams**, Teacher (confirmed)  
Mission Hill School, Boston, MA

**Roytel Montero**, Student (confirmed)  
Fenway High School, Boston, MA

**Chantale Soekhoe**, Recent Graduate (confirmed)  
Hunter College & Former Student  
Urban Academy High School, New York, NY

**Mitchell Chester**, Commissioner (invited)  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Moderated by **Sam Chaltain**, National Director, (confirmed)  
Forum for Education and Democracy

**Date: Friday, December 4, 2009**

**\*Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (read instructions below carefully)**

**Location: Senate Visitor’s Center Room 212/210**

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The ultimate purpose of learning is to teach children how to use their minds well. There are schools across the country that are effective at helping students to develop fully their capacity to learn and think critically. How have these schools fared in the No Child Left Behind era? How do teachers and principals in these schools manage federal policy requirements while doing much more than preparing students for standardized tests? How do students juggle competing demands while developing their minds? This session explores what it is like to teach, learn, and lead in a robust educational environment and examines how federal policies can best support a culture of real learning.

**\*For your information, the Senate Visitor's Center is located below the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol between Constitution and Independence Avenues. The Capitol Visitor's Center doesn't allow public entry until 8:00 a.m. If you are taking the metro, the nearest metro stations are "Capitol South" on the Orange/Blue Line or Union Station on the Red Line. You should enter the main entrance of the Capitol Visitor's Center located on First Street, SE, go through security (please be advised that no liquids, weapons, or luggage is allowed), go down one level and turn right. You will arrive at the lower Senate appointment desk where you will check in. You will then proceed to room 212/210 of the Senate Visitor's Center. You MUST RSVP to be admitted to the Capitol Visitor's Center.**