



EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN:

The Power of Youth Voice,
Parental Choice and Quality Options

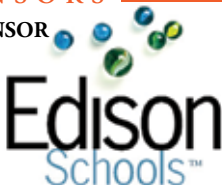
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*Give parents a choice.
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WELCOME

Welcome to Symposium 2006: The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Black Alliance for Educational Options. Our theme this year is *Educating Our Children: The Power of Youth Voice, Parental Choice and Quality Options*.

Symposium 2006 celebrates the 6th Anniversary of BAEO. The **Symposium** is the nation's largest gathering of Black American parental choice supporters and their allies. Once again we come together to reaffirm our commitment to the empowerment of low income and working class families. We will not be successful if we hoard our knowledge and keep our information to ourselves. We must reach out and share with everyone we encounter the message of empowerment and liberation that flows from assuring parental choice for low-income and working class parents. True to our legacy, this weekend, we will share what we have learned from our continuing battles to create, sustain and expand quality educational options for the families that need them the most.

Empowering parents to choose the best educational options available for their children is a critical tool in the struggle to address the educational achievement gap that exists between Black children and white children. Because of you, BAEO is at the vanguard of this crucial effort to save our children and enhance this country's democracy in the process.

This weekend, we present some of the nation's best thinking on parental choice, closing the achievement gap, leadership development and the quest for quality educational options. As you scan the program agenda, here are some exciting events we hope you do not overlook:

- If you planned ahead, you pre-registered for the **Quality Educational Options School Tours** and the **Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute**. These annual pre-sessions have become among the must do, must see activities for Symposium participants.
- Our opening keynote speaker this year is **Kevin Johnson**, former NBA All-Star and founder of St. HOPE Public Schools in Sacramento, CA. After you witness his powerful address during the Welcome Breakfast, take time to sit one-on-one with him during a BAEO Reads! session.
- Catch our **BAEO Reads!** sessions featuring Virginia Walden-Ford, author of *Voices, Choices, and Second Chances: How to Win the Battle to Bring Opportunity Scholarships to Your State* and **Omar Tyree**, national best-selling African American poet and author of *Flyy Girl*.

- Our special features are back. This year we add the **Reverend Eddie Edwards Prayer & Reflection Room** for Symposium participants who want to take a spiritual break from the hectic pace of the event.
- Join us for the **BAEO Café!** during the Saturday luncheon to help us shape benchmarks and guiding principles for quality educational options.
- Symposium 2006 pays close attention to the **Power of Youth Voice**. Throughout the weekend, you will see high school age youth working behind the scenes and at the microphone delivering the messages of parental choice. Helping to firmly establish and train the next generation of youth leaders for this movement.

For over six years, BAEO has supported the efforts of low income and working class parents in their demand for quality educational options and parental choice. This weekend we strive to inform, inspire, and empower those of you who have joined us here in Philadelphia. If we are to be successful in our movement we must recruit more leaders to our team to help advance the parental choice movement. So we are very glad that you are here and grateful to you for making the choice to be with us. Across the generations, one and all — you are BAEO!

We stand firm on the belief that when you give parents a choice, you give children a chance.



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BAEO HISTORY

MARCH 1999

First Symposium

Symposium on Educational Options for African Americans, “The Power of Options,” hosted by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Approximately 150 individuals attended.

DECEMBER 1999

Founders Meeting

An organizing committee of approximately 50 African Americans who support educational options met at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. to establish BAEO as a national organization.

MARCH 2000

Second Annual Symposium

Symposium on Educational Options for African Americans, “Expanding and Enhancing the Options,” hosted by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning. More than 350 individuals attended.

National Organizing Meeting

Approximately 90 people met after the Symposium to review the first draft of the bylaws and to elect a president and vice president. Dr. Howard Fuller was elected as the first president Dolores Fridge was elected as the vice-president.

JUNE 2000

First National BAEO Board Meeting

The Board approved a strategic plan, bylaws, and agreed that the Symposia would be BAEO’s annual meeting.

AUGUST 2000

The Launch of BAEO

BAEO was launched at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The press conference was covered by C-SPAN, and webcast on connective.com.

MARCH 2001**First Chapters**

Milwaukee and Denver chapters were authorized.

JULY 2001**National Office**

National office relocated to Washington, D.C.

SEPTEMBER 2001**First National Media Campaign**

Conducted the All Kids Need Choice media campaign to spotlight our mission.

MARCH 2003**First Public Information Campaigns by Local Chapters**

Launched the Parents, You Need to Know public information campaign for Project Clarion to promote Supplemental Services and Public School Choice in Dallas, Detroit, Milwaukee and Philadelphia.

SEPTEMBER 2003**First Satewide Media Campaign**

Launched the Step Up for Students media campaign in Florida to inform parents and the community about the Corporate Income Tax Credit program.

First BAEO/Gates Small High Schools

Two BAEO/Gates Small High Schools opened in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

OCTOBER 2003**First Role-A-Like Group Meeting**

Approximately 30 clergy attended the first Clergy Roundtable held in Orlando, Florida.

MARCH 2006

BAEO has 15 official chapters in 14 states and the District of Columbia. BAEO is currently the preeminent national organization for Black people who support parental choice to empower families and increase quality educational options for Black children.

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In addition, if you sign up, pay on, pay off or upgrade your membership to any of our Lifetime memberships, your name will be entered into a drawing in which you are eligible to win a very special prize.

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TRIBUTE TO CHAMPIONS OF PARENTAL CHOICE



John Walton
(1946-2005)

In 2005, the parental choice movement lost one of its most vigilant champions, John Walton. Below are reflections of BAEO leaders about the impact and contributions of John Walton to the parental choice movement.

John Walton was truly kind and caring and made a difference in his support of our efforts here in Washington, DC. When I met John in the late 90's I was so inspired by his commitment to children. He had a quiet, gentle manner and made me and many others feel like we could do something special to make sure that all children were given the chance for a quality education.

He inspired us to work hard to do whatever we could to reach our goals and he worked alongside us. We will miss him terribly and continue to work toward his dream of providing educational opportunities for low-income families. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Virginia Walden Ford
Washington, DC Chapter of BAEO
BAEO National Board

The world is filled with all kinds of people with all kinds of motives and missions. I thank God for the motives and mission of John Walton.

He was a kind and compassionate man with a heart that burned with desire to make the world a better place. He believed that he could do that if he helped those who were less fortunate get the necessary tools to succeed. He believed that education was the key to real freedom and that he could help all children have the kind of freedom that would allow them to be anything they wanted to be, and he invested his life and his money in that reality.

He was indeed a great warrior for the parental choice movement, but more than that he was interested in giving children a chance. He was a drum major for justice for the underserved children of America. He was indeed a champion among champions for the poor and needy children. He will be missed by all.

Rev. Dr. W. Raymond Bryant,
Treasurer
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As a person who was not a founding member of BAEO or a board member, I don't think there has been anyone who has single handedly contributed to the growth and development of BAEO from the beginning until now as John Walton has. I also know there is no other person out there that has personally contributed to the growth and expansion of quality charter schools across the country.

The movement has lost a great warrior, but his vision and commitment will last for a lot of kids.

Mashea Ashton, Secretary
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TRIBUTE TO CHAMPIONS OF PARENTAL CHOICE

The founding and development of BAEO was blessed by the contributions of many. During this and each Symposium, we celebrate the legacy of Reverend Eddie Edwards, Deirdre Lynn Bailey, and Lisa Yvette Sullivan. We hold their beliefs, values and leadership close to our hearts as we all continue the struggle for our children.



**Reverend
Eddie Edwards**
(1936-2004)

Reverend Eddie Edwards (1936-2004)

Reverend Edwards was one of the founders of BAEO. He co-convened BAEO's first Clergy Roundtable where leaders from across the country met to discuss how to expand awareness of parental choice.

In his home state of Michigan, he was a leader in the effort to get the Michigan constitution changed to allow for vouchers as viable options for parents. When others succumbed to fear and timidity, Reverend Eddie Edwards stood tall as a fighter for parental choice.



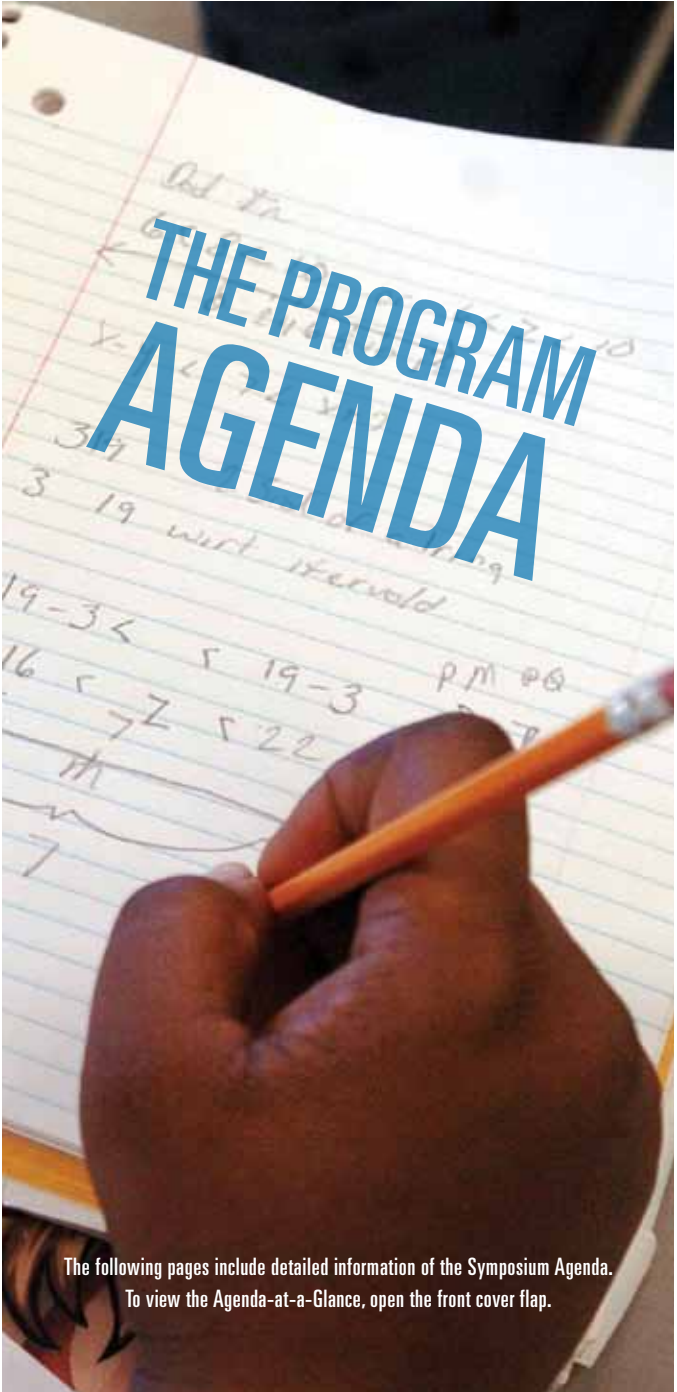
**Deirdre Lynn
Bailey**
(1970-2003)

Deirdre Lynn Bailey (1970-2003) Lisa Yvette Sullivan (1961-2001)

The Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute (BSLI) was created in honor of Deirdre Lynn Bailey (1970-2003) and Lisa Yvette Sullivan (1961-2001). In June 2000, Deirdre and Lisa brought their commitment to youth leadership and political change to BAEO's founding meetings. Alongside elected officials, educators from across the country, Deirdre was a founding member of BAEO and was instrumental in launching the Philadelphia BAEO chapter. During the founding meetings, Lisa facilitated discussion to define BAEO's approach to reaching and supporting emerging leaders, and she advised BAEO through its transition from Milwaukee to Washington, D.C.



**Lisa Yvette
Sullivan**
(1961-2001)



The following pages include detailed information of the Symposium Agenda.
To view the Agenda-at-a-Glance, open the front cover flap.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 AM REGISTRATION OPENS

LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer

8:00 AM QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (QEO) SCHOOL TOURS DEPART

The QEO School Tours are an annual tradition for Symposia participants. This year we feature quality educational options from Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Options represent the full spectrum of educational management and curriculum approaches. Symposium participants, who pre-registered for this event, will visit one of the following schools and return for a networking lunch to debrief lessons learned and a-ha moments from the day.

Featured Schools (By Grade Level):

- *Spruce Hill Christian School*
- *Lotus Academy*
- *West Oak Lane Charter School*
- *Cornerstone Philadelphia*
- *Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander University of Pennsylvania Partnership School*
- *Barratt Middle School*
- *Central High School*
- *Martin Luther King High School*
- *New Media Technology Charter High School*

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN: Level 5, Registration II
 BUSES DEPART: 12th Street Exit of Marriott

9:00 AM JOIN BAO NOW! OPENS

LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer



9:30 AM

BAILEY AND SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (BSLI)

Pre-registration required.

BSLI REGISTRATION CHECK-IN: Level 5, Registration II

BSLI WELCOME: Level 5, Salon I

10:00 AM

BSLI CONCURRENT SESSIONS

This year's BSLI program will offer an array of workshops to meet the needs of local leaders in need of tools and strategies for organizing parents and youth. Following a brief welcome, participants will divide to attend one of the following concurrent sessions:

- **GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING STEP BY STEP**

Developing a comprehensive organizing strategy requires a focus on leadership development, constant outreach, and a clear target or goal for mobilization. This session will introduce participants to the nuts and bolts of planning, funding, and implementing a grassroots organizing strategy with a special focus on how best to engage parents and youth.

TRAINER: Bennie Patterson and David Crowley
Urban Underground

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 410

- **FINDING THE MONEY TO SUPPORT YOUR WORK**

Show me the money...do you know where your next grant or major contribution will come from? This session will provide you with information on how to launch a grassroots, individual donor and sponsorship campaigns to raise the money you will need to support your school or non-profit organization.

TRAINER: Carol Keating, Keating Consulting, Inc.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411

- **UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF TO LEAD OTHERS**

As a follow-up to last year's dynamic session on personal transformation, this session will introduce exercises and leadership techniques to help leaders across the generations understand their personal leadership style and how best to respect the styles of others.

TRAINER: Connie Rose, C. Rose Coaching

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 412

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

12:30 PM **BAILEY AND SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE LUNCHEON**

LOCATION: Level 3, Independence Ballroom

1:00 PM **QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
SCHOOL TOURS RETURN**

1:30 PM **QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
SCHOOL TOUR LUNCHEON/DEBRIEF**
Box lunches provided. Participants return to share lessons learned and best practices shared during the visits. Time will be allotted for Q&A from the audience.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon K

**BAILEY AND SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE (PM SESSIONS)**

The morning concurrent sessions will repeat giving participants an opportunity to attend a second session in the series.

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LOCATION: Level 4, Room 412

3:30 PM

FIRST-TIMER'S ORIENTATION

Welcome First Timers! The orientation will feature Howard Fuller, Board Chair of BAEO, Lawrence Patrick, III, President & CEO and Deborah McGriff, Chair of the Symposium Planning Committee.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I-J

5:00 PM

NETWORKING

7:00 PM

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
OPENING CEREMONY/RECEPTION**

Hosted by Philadelphia BAEO, Host Chapter 2006, this networking event will launch the weekend giving participants an opportunity to meet and greet each other, BAEO staff, national board members, chapter leaders, and local dignitaries. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon G

9:00 PM

JOIN BAEO NOW! CLOSES

BAEO READS!

BAEO READS! WITH KEVIN JOHNSON

Friday, March 18 at 10:30AM

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I

Kevin M. Johnson retired from the NBA after 12 seasons with the Phoenix Suns in May of 2000. During his career, Johnson was named to the all-star team three times and won a gold medal in the 1994 World Championship Games held in Toronto, Canada. Kevin is currently the Chairman of the Board for St. HOPE Academy (“SHA”), a non-profit community development corporation designed to revitalize inner-city communities through public education, economic development, civic leadership and arts enrichment. To that end, SHA established St. HOPE Public Schools (“SHPS”), a Kindergarten through 12th grade public school model in Kevin’s hometown neighborhood of Oak Park in Sacramento, California.

BAEO READS! WITH VIRGINIA WALDEN FORD

Friday, March 18 AT 2:00PM

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I

Virginia Walden-Ford currently serves as Chairman of the Board of DCBAEO. This organization is a clearinghouse for parents in Washington, D.C. Its mission is to educate parents in order to empower them to make the appropriate educational decisions for their children.

A single parent, she raised three children in Washington, D.C. Two of her children finished High School in the District successfully, but with her third child she was faced with deteriorating public schools and violent times. After obtaining a private scholarship for her son to attend a private school, she became an outspoken advocate for school choice. Walden-Ford is the 2004 recipient of the Heritage Foundation’s Salvatori Prize for American Citizenship. In 2005, Walden-Ford authored *Voices, Choices, and Second Chances: How to Win the Battle to Bring Opportunity Scholarships to Your State*. This publication documents her efforts to organize low income and working class parents ultimately gaining a large victory for the parental choice movement in the District of Columbia.

BAEO READS! WITH OMAR TYREE

Friday, March 18 at 3:00PM

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon J

Omar Rashad Tyree is an author, publisher, lecturer and poet who graduated in print journalism (cum laude) from Howard University’s School of Communications in 1991. President and founder of MARS Productions Tyree self - published three books, *FLYY-Girl*, *Capital City* and *Battle Zone*. After his self - publishing success, he was later picked up by Simon & Schuster, for a two-book contract in 1995 which included the reprinting of *Flyy Girl* and the publication of *A Do Right Man*, *Single Mom* and *Sweet St. Louis*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 AM

AEROBICS CLASS

Want to stay true to that New Year's resolution? Take advantage of morning aerobics classes. Do not forego your workout routine. Join us for an exhilarating, heart-pounding workout!

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 408

8:00 AM

REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW! OPENS

9:00 AM

WELCOME BREAKFAST: YOUTH VOICE, PARENTAL CHOICE AND QUALITY OPTIONS

The Welcome Breakfast will feature parent and student activists who are changing the face of urban education by advocating for quality educational options and parental choice. Invited keynote speaker is Kevin Johnson, former NBA all-star and founder of St. HOPE Public Schools. St. HOPE Public Schools is a network of k-12 charter schools created by Johnson to serve students in his hometown of Sacramento, CA.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: **Deborah McGriff**
*Chair of the Symposium
Planning Committee*

WELCOME ADDRESS: **Dwight Evans**
*Pennsylvania State
Representative*

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE: **Stanley Frazier**
*Youth Symposium
Planning Committee*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Kevin Johnson**
St. HOPE Public Schools

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon G

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM SPECIAL FEATURES OPEN

- **CYBER CAFÉ**
LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer and Level 4, Room 405
- **BAEO BOUTIQUE**
LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer and Level 4, Room 406
- **CULTURAL BOOKSTORE**
LOCATION: Level 4, Room 406
- **REVEREND EDDIE EDWARDS PRAYER & REFLECTION ROOM**
LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407A
- **POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE**
LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407B



10:30 AM

AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **SAY IT WITH PRIDE! HOW TO LAUNCH EFFECTIVE LOCAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS**

What messages will get you headlines in the local paper? Have you been able to get your “letters to the editor” posted in the Sunday edition? This panel of media and public relations experts will share with you powerful messages and strategies you can use to create an effective media campaign.

MODERATOR: Kim Turner, Philadelphia BAEO

PRESENTER: Alexis Moore, And Moore Enterprises, LLC
John Henderson, Foundations, Inc

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 409

- **REAL VOICES FOR REAL SOLUTIONS: SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES FOR CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP**

Are you ready to hear the voices of academics and educators who truly believe all children can learn? This session will provide research and testimonies of how real people are turning challenging educational statistics and environments into unparalleled victories for students, as they work to break the myths of black student achievement.

MODERATOR: Gerard Robinson, Institute for the Transformation of Learning

PRESENTER: Jay Rosener, Princeton Review Foundation
Robert Hall, Amongst Men Inc.

Thomas Greene, KnowledgeWorks Foundation

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 410

- **HOMESCHOOLING 101**

Black families are increasingly looking to homeschooling as the preferred educational option for their children. If you are currently homeschooling or trying to decide if you should, this session is for you. You will hear from a parent and student about the homeschooling experience, and receive valuable information on where you can go for educational materials and resources to support home-based teaching and learning.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD: OPTIONS FOR FINANCIAL ACCESS TO A QUALITY EDUCATION**
 State legislators are setting policies to support the expansion of privately financed scholarships, tax supported scholarships, and tuition tax credits and deductions for low-income families. Charter schools are partnering with private institutions to get their students into options once reserved for the sons and daughters of the wealthy. Come learn how three model programs are removing the financial barriers that once prevented low-income families from considering independent and parochial educational options in their community.

MODERATOR: Thomas Stewart, Symphonic Strategies

PRESENTER: Linn Vaughters, The Right Fit School Placement Service

Felice Greene, School Choice Wisconsin

Khari Brown, Capital Partners for Education

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 402

- HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS**
 From recruitment to retention to advancement, building a base of highly qualified teachers for your school can be challenging. We present three models for engaging highly qualified teachers – recruitment, retention and advancement.

MODERATOR: Allen Penn, National BAEO

PRESENTER: Tracy Elizabeth Clay,
 Philadelphia Teach for America
 Katherine Reed, Edison Schools
 Leslie Talbott, K12connect, Inc.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 403

- GENERATION EDUCATION: USING MULTIMEDIA TO CHANGE EDUCATION**
 Having problems getting your child off of IM to do their homework? Are you an educator trying to find new and innovative ways to have your students conduct and present research? In this session, participants will learn how to utilize multimedia programs for instruction and to get students excited about learning.

MODERATOR: Nmuta Jones, New Media Technology Public Charter School

PRESENTER: Tony Simmons, High School for the Recording Arts
 Matthew Johnson, Strive Media

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 405

12:00 PM

PRESIDENT & CEO LUNCHEON

The luncheon will include a presentation of awards, special guests, and a welcome address by Lawrence Patrick, III, President & CEO of BAEO. Gather with the entire BAEO family to honor those among us who are making a difference in the movement.

FEATURED SPEAKER: Lawrence Patrick, III

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon G&H



FRIDAY, MARCH 17

2:00 PM

PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **MEET THE SPONSOR: EDISON SCHOOLS**

Founded in 1992, Edison Schools is the nation's leading public school partner with schools and districts, focused on raising student achievement through its research-based school design, uniquely aligned assessment systems, interactive professional development, integrated use of technology and other proven program features. Edison students are achieving annual academic gains well above national norms.



This is an opportunity for you to learn from Edison Schools administrators and teachers. Representatives from a nearby campus will present the Edison Schools approach giving Symposium participants time to ask questions and learn more about the strategies that make Edison Schools successful.

FEATURED SCHOOL: Harriet Tubman Charter School

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon K

- **LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD: OPTIONS FOR FINANCIAL ACCESS TO A COLLEGE EDUCATION**

Are you interested in what opportunities are available for Black children after high school? This session will provide participants with a firm understanding of the opportunities and options for beating the high cost of a college education.

MODERATOR: Renée Gadson, National BAEO

PRESENTER: George Greenidge, National Black College Alliance
Donald Hense, Friendship-Edison Charter School

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 412

- **FAITH-BASED LEADERSHIP IN THE PARENTAL CHOICE MOVEMENT**

Spirituality and faith are fundamental to BAEO's work in the community. Faith-based leaders are vital to helping bring information, resources, and quality educational options to low income families. During this session, participants will hear from faith-based leaders from across the country who are redefining education for their congregation and community.

MODERATOR: Cheryl Brown, Perfecting Church

PRESENTER: William Bryant, Sr., Grant AME Worship Center
John McVicker, Christ the King
Reginald Jackson, St. Matthew AME Church

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 408

- **YOUTH AND BAEO: TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

High school and college students are seeking engagement in the parental choice movement. This leadership dialogue will be one in a series of dialogues over the weekend for youth to develop a strategy to expand the opportunities for youth leadership development and mobilization within BAEO.

FACILITATORS: Andrea Foggy-Paxton, NYC Urban Fellow
Glenda Clark, Milwaukee BAEO

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 409

- **BRIDGING THE PARTY DIVIDE: EFFORTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT FOR PARENTAL CHOICE**

Whether you're Democrat, Republican or Independent this session is for anyone dedicated to the parental choice movement. Participants will leave with an understanding of the politics of parental choice, and bi-partisan alliances that are being formed to create a bridge for one common goal – quality education for Black children.

MODERATOR: Leon Tucker, National BAEO

PRESENTER: Kevin Chavous, Democrats for Education Reform (Invited)
Dwight Evans, State of Pennsylvania
Dixie Allen, State of Ohio

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 410

- **BUILDING ALLIANCES FOR LOCAL CAMPAIGNS**

Across the country powerful organizations are coming together to develop local and state-wide campaigns for parental choice. Strong coalitions and collaborations are forming to bring Black and Latino parents together to rally in state capitals. Groups that focus their work on educating legislators are partnering with organizing groups to bring parents face to face with elected officials. Through organizing, direct action, and media advocacy, these alliances are changing the parental choice movement making it impossible for organizations to fight the fight in isolation. This session will introduce some of the major players in the parental choice movement and the ways they are working together to combine their individual strengths and resources.

MODERATOR: Gerard Robinson, Institute for the Transformation of Learning

PRESENTER: Nelson Lluinquin, Alliance for School Choice
Derrell Bradford, Newark BAEO
Isabel Santa, Hispanic CREO
Robert Enlow, The Friedman Foundation

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411

4:00 PM

CONVERSATION WITH BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT & CEO

Here's your chance to learn more about BAEO and the ever-changing politics of the parental choice movement. Every year, we set aside time for Symposium participants to have an open question and answer session with the leadership of BAEO. Bring your questions, comments and recommendations.

MODERATOR: Jacqueline Joyner Cissell

PRESENTER: Howard Fuller
Lawrence C. Patrick, III

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411

6:00 PM

SPECIAL FEATURES CLOSE

7:00 PM

REGISTRATION CLOSSES NETWORKING

9:00 PM

JOIN BAEO NOW! CLOSSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 AM **AEROBICS CLASS**

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 408

7:30 AM **NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 401-402

9:00 AM **REGISTRATION AND JOIN BAEO NOW! OPEN
SPECIAL FEATURES OPEN**

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LOCATION: Level 4, Room 406
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LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407A
- **POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE**
LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407B

9:30 AM **HARRIET BALL CURRICULUM INSTITUTE
(THREE HOUR SESSION)**

Pre-registration Required

Harriet Ball returns to give us a sampling of teaching and learning techniques for elementary and middle school students. The session will cover k-8 techniques for metrics, multiplication, fractions, division, geometry, and more.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 AM ENCORE CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: GETTING PARENTS THE INFORMATION THEY NEED**

Students attending low-performing schools have the right to transfer and/or receive academic enrichment support. This session will describe state and local level approaches to getting the word out to parents.

MODERATOR: Monique Miller, National BAEO

PRESENTER: Tabitha Meadors Temple, DC ParentSmart
William Douthit, St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable
Ylonda Dickerson, Sunrise Children Foundation

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 409

- **MASTERING SUBJECT MATTER 10x10**

This session focuses on several categories of key vocabulary essential for improving academic achievement in an urban setting, e.g. Times, Spaces, Actions, Outcomes, Objects, Qualities and People. Participants will learn several teaching and learning strategies for developing deep levels of understanding for the vocabulary within each of these ten categories, e.g. Vocabulary, Interview, Information to Knowledge, Memory Sentence, Storygrams and Ah-Ha Grids.

MODERATOR: K. Miata Fuller, National BAEO

PRESENTER: Bob Pavlik, Institute for the Transformation of Learning
Denise Pitchford, Clergy for Educational Options Leadership Academy

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411

- **SCHOOL DESIGNS THAT WORK**

Across the country, emerging education entrepreneurs are proving that all children can excel when provided with a teaching and learning environment that meets their need, and values the cultural and social experiences of students and parents. This session will feature school design models that have demonstrated academic success with Black children.

MODERATOR: Alicia Wright, Philadelphia BAEO

PRESENTER: Tracey McDaniel, Knowledge is Power Program
Ina Walker & Hugh Clark, The Lotus Academy

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 410

- **A COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD**

We bring back College Summit to deliver a nuts and bolts workshop on how to prepare high school students for the college admissions process. This session will offer specific strategies to support students who often avoid applying to college because of low test scores, average grades, and lack of support from family or guidance counselors.

MODERATOR: Addison Small-Bradley, Philadelphia BAEQ

PRESENTER: YaKima Rhinehart, College Summit, Inc.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 412

- **POLITICS OF CHOICE**

What will it take to create a political environment to support and sustain choice? In many communities, elected officials – mayors, state representatives, school board members – can present the strongest obstacles to the expansion of choice. This session will feature civic leaders from around the country who are making it possible for parents to have the services and supports they need to give their children a fair chance.

MODERATOR: Dwayne Andrews, Edison Schools

PRESENTER: Rebeca Nieves Huffman, Hispanic CREO

Jason Fields, State of Wisconsin

Anthony Williams, State of Pennsylvania Senate

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon J



SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- **PARENT EMPOWERMENT SESSION: DISCOVERING WHAT MAKES YOUR CHILD TICK (1 OF 2)**

Does your child enjoy telling stories and entertaining people AND dislikes dealing with details? Does your child like to be in charge AND tends to question the rules – even yours? Does your child have high personal standards AND does not like it when their work is questioned? Does your child like to participate in a group rather than leading it AND tends not to ask questions in class? Then you should attend this session to get more information to help your child excel in school and in life.

MODERATOR: Darlene Callands-Curry, Philadelphia BAEO

PRESENTER: Shree' Medlock, National BAEO

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon L



11:00 AM

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Nona Robinson, World Communication Charter School (Invited)

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LOCATION: Level 4, Room 412

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- **LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: BAEO-GATES SMALL HIGH SCHOOLS PROJECT**

The goal of the BAEO-Gates Small High School Project is to improve high school and college graduation rates by creating a national network of small high schools across the country. This session will feature school designers, educators and students who are successfully implementing project-based learning in a small, family-like learning environment.

MODERATOR: Isaac Ewell, National BAEO

PRESENTER: Basimah Abdullah, Clara Mohammed School
Camilla Green, National School Reform Faculty
Nmuta Jones, New Media Technology Charter High School
Toshav Storrs, Baynard Rustin Living Learning Center

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon K

- **PARENT EMPOWERMENT SESSION: DISCOVERING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING STYLE (2 OF 2)**

When you are trying to learn something new, do you need it written down or drawn in pictures for you to better understand? Do you need to hear it in a song or talk about it with someone else? Do you need to touch it, experience it in some way before you can fully understand what you are being taught? During this session, learn how to identify three basic styles of learning – visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Then you should attend this session to get more information to help your child excel in school and in life.

MODERATOR: Darlene Callands-Curry, Philadelphia BAEO

PRESENTER: Shree' Medlock, Texas BAEO

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon L

12:30 PM

REGISTRATION CLOSES**BAEO CAFÉ: DEFINING BENCHMARKS FOR QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

Meet and greet other Symposium participants and learn more about what's happening across the country to champion this movement. This lunchtime session will facilitate open dialogue about BAEO's Principles for Quality Educational Options. Come help us determine what benchmarks to set as we work to translate the principles into tools educators, parents and students can use back home.

Box lunches will be provided.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon G



SATURDAY, MARCH 18

1:30 PM

LEADING BAEO & MEMBERSHIP SESSIONS

During these sessions, new members and chapter leaders of BAEO will receive important training and updates to take back home and continue parental choice efforts. Tentatively the following:

- **DIALOGUE WITH NEW MEMBERS**

If you are new to BAEO and need a friendly forum to share your successes and sorrows within the school choice movement, come to this session. Here you can give and receive useful advice on making your BAEO voice stronger within your local area. Learn ways in which you can refine your knowledge about educational options and become a catalyst for building an informed and empowered Black community.

FACILITATOR: Monique Miller, National BAEO

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 411-412

- **CHAPTER LEADERS MEETING**

Chapter leaders provide the crucial link between local communities and the national BAEO network. With this year's policy changes affecting chapters, leaders at the local level can focus more on being necessary advocates and agitators for our parents and children. This session will allow you the opportunity to brainstorm and strategize with other chapter leaders from across the nation on the best ways to advance our mission.

FACILITATOR: Vernard Gant, Colorado Springs BAEO

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 410

3:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

For Members Only. This presentation of the BAEO Board of Directors will showcase the organizational strategic plan and vision for the future.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I & J

4:00 PM

NETWORKING

5:30 PM

Special Features Close

- **CYBER CAFÉ**
- **BAEO BOUTIQUE**
- **CULTURAL BOOKSTORE**
- **REVEREND EDDIE EDWARDS MEDITATION ROOM**
- **POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE**



6:00 PM

**EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN:
THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES**

Featuring Howard Fuller, Board Chair of BAEO, this evening of recognition awards, Fuller's inspirational message and entertainment, will be the perfect conclusion to a perfect weekend.

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE: Roxanne Watts, Youth Symposium Planning Committee

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Howard Fuller, Chair of the BAEO Board of Directors

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Tribute to John Walton

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon G & H

8:30 PM

**HOST CHAPTER 2007 SOCIAL EVENT:
CELEBRATE THE MOVEMENT**

Please join us as we celebrate our return to Philadelphia, PA for Symposium 2007. It will be an evening of music, food and dancing as we gear up for our 7th year of movement and change.

LOCATION: Level 5, Salon I & J

10:00 PM

JOIN BAEO NOW! CLOSÉS

BAEO BOUTIQUE

COME SHOW YOUR BAEO PRIDE AND SPIRIT!

Visit the BAEO Boutique. Here you will be able to choose from an array of BAEO merchandise, such as caps, key chains, Symposium 2006 t-shirts and other mementoes that you can take home to family and friends.

LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer and Level 4, Room 406

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 17	10:00AM – 6:00PM
Saturday, March 18	9:00AM – 5:30PM



SPECIAL FEATURES

CYBER CAFÉ

Missing your email inbox? Need to print out an important document from back home? BAEO is prepared. Stop by the Cyber Café to access state of the art computers. This year we offer the option for you to complete Symposium evaluations online at workstations located on the Level 5 Foyer.

LOCATION: Level 5 Foyer and Level 4, Room 405

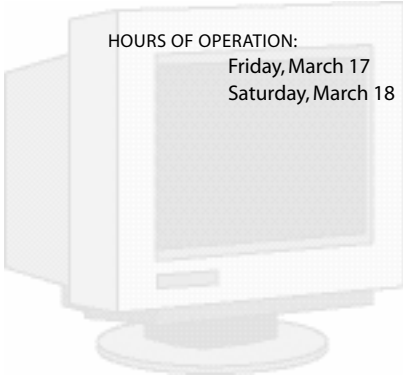
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9:00AM – 5:30PM



CULTURAL BOOKSTORE

Do you enjoy reading? Are you looking for exciting title that reflect the culture and interest of Black children? Visit the Cultural Bookstore, and find an assortment of topics that include education, black history, fiction and non-fiction.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 406

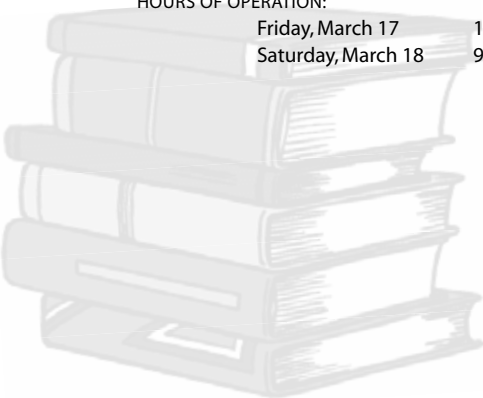
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SPECIAL FEATURES

REV. EDDIE EDWARDS PRAYER & REFLECTION ROOM

Need a private space to pray or reflect on the spirit of the movement? No need to look any further. In the memory of parental choice warrior, Reverend Eddie Edwards, we provide you with a quiet place to seek guidance from a higher power.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407A

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Friday, March 17	10:00AM-6:00PM
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POWER BREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE

Have the sessions at Symposium 2006 rejuvenated your mind and commitment to parental choice? Are you interested in treating your body to a renewed sensation too? If so, stroll over to the massage chair for soothing 10-minute massages from Milwaukee's finest massage therapists. Enter the realm of relaxation. Don't miss this opportunity to RELAX, RENEW AND REVIVE your soul.

LOCATION: Level 4, Room 407B

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RELAX
RENEW & REVIVE

AROUND TOWN

MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

- African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP)
701 Arch Street
(215) 574-0380
- Liberty Bell Center
5th and Chestnut Streets
(215) 965-2305
- Mother Bethel AME Church
419 S. 6th Street
(215) 925-0616
- National Constitution Center
525 Arch Street
(215) 409-6600
- Paul Robeson House
4949-51 Walnut Street
(215) 747-4675

MARKET AND RESTAURANTS

- Reading Terminal Market
12th and Arch Street
(215) 922-2317
- Bluzette
246 Market Street
(215) 627-3866
- Savannah Soul Food Bar
1836 Callowhill Street
(215) 557-9533
- Zanzibar Blue
200 South Broad Street at the Bellevue
(215) 732-4500
- Maggiano's
12th and Filbert
(215) 567-2233
- Cuba Libre
10 S. Street
(215) 627-0666
- Buddakan
325 Chestnut Street
(215) 574-9440

REPEATERS

SEVEN TIME REPEATERS

Mashea Ashton
 W. Raymond Bryant
 Anthony Courtney
 Zakiya Courtney
 Dwight Evans
 Gail Foster
 Howard Fuller
 K. Miata Fuller
 Jacqueline Joyner Cissell

Deborah McGriff
 Angelete Melhado
 Jeanette Mitchell
 Dr. Annie Oliver
 Lawrence Patrick, III
 Lawrence Patrick, Jr.
 Anita Ruiz
 Selina Wellington

SIX TIME REPEATERS

Basimah Abdullah
 Willie Breazell
 Margaret Briggs-Kenney
 Cheryl Brown
 Margaret Ekam
 Rufus Ellis
 Francine Fulton
 Felice Green
 Gail Hawkins-Bush
 Mikel Holt
 Sherry Hopkins

Imani Humphrey
 Evelyn Jones
 John Morris
 Ingrid Patrick
 June Perry
 Dale Sadler
 Kenneth Sullivan
 Kimberly Turner
 Virginia Walden Ford
 Johnathan Williams

FIVE TIME REPEATERS

Yvonne Ali
 Tammy Allen
 Aretta Anderson
 Linda Armstrong
 Deirdre Bailey †
 Elizabeth Baptiste
 Amber Blackwell
 Delores Brents
 Barato Britt
 Nancy Brown
 Kaleem Caire
 Darlene Callands-Curry
 Kenneth Campbell
 Jerald Fair
 Jeannie Fenceroy
 Kelli Fuller
 Venard Gant
 Felicia Geuka
 Helen & David Gilles

Bessie Gray
 Catina Harwell
 Evangelist Georgia King
 Jamal Koram
 Sharmain Matlock-Turner
 Leroy McClure Jr.
 John McVicker
 Marilyn McVicker
 Shree Medlock
 Holly Hasina Murphy
 Donnamaria Parker
 M. Saungkatahu Richey
 Patricia Sadler
 John Skeif
 Hal Smith
 Thomas Stewart
 Christopher Sullivan
 Tasha Tillman
 Willie Timmons

REPEATERS

FOUR TIME REPEATERS

Dennis Alexander	Dorothy Johnson
Batiste Bailey	Keisha Jordan
Ruby Bailey	Jamillah Kareem
Harriett Ball	Verlene Kirkland
Jordan Blair	Jack Klenk
Cory Booker	Ronkae McCoy
Dawn Chavous	Tracy McDaniel
Ernest Clayton	Monique Miller
Gale Coffield	Kimberlyn Montgomery
Tracie Craft	Harold Moore
Gale Davis	Adrian Morgan
Simone Donald	DeAmo Murphy
Alexia Ellis	Ayana Patrick
T. Willard Fair	Raymona Patrick
Isabella Fitzgerald	Diana Peterson
Linda Ford	William Peterson
Kevin Francis	Teresa Price
Dolores Fridge	Dana Rone
Katina Fuller-Scott	Melissa Scott-Coleman
Dan Gaby	Yakini Shabaka
Lisa Gage-Ray	Dorothy Smith
Amefika Geuka	Judith Smith
Marie Gladney	Sherry Street
Karlena Glenn	Kent Strong
George Greenidge	Ken & Joyce Sullivan
Mark Griffin	Leslie Talbot
Justine Hall	Steve Taylor
David Hardy	Daryl Turner
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Bennie Hickman	Omar Wasow
Gisele Huff	Demetria Wesley
Courtney Hunt	Donyale Whitmore
Patricia Hureston Lee	Anthony Hardy Williams
Mominah Islam-Tatum	Clara Wright
Maisha Jackson	

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John Alford	Brenda Blair
Sharon Allison	Christopher Boston
Mentha-Munirah Bakari	Tracey Bougouneau
Rodney Benifield	Stephan Bradberry

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Patricia Brown Payne	Yvette McClure
Cathy Bryant	Thelma Jean Miller
Ron Butler	Susan Mitchell
Sandra Butler	Yvette Mitchell
Hodelin & Myrna Calixte	Wanda Montgomery
Barbara Callands	Adrian Morgan
Sue Carnell	Anita Nelam
Larry Cirignano	Dr. Jean Oden
Tenora Cottrell-Pitts	Victor Ortiz
Akil Courtney	Durante Owens
Geanna Davis	Emma Palmer
Priscilla Davis	Goldie Patrick
Daria Dillard Stone	Joseph Patrick
Cynthia Dixon	Robert Patrick
Anthony Doane	Robert Pavlik
Lauryn Douthit	Thomas Pedroni
Judy Eason	Lisa Peyton-Caire
Eddie Edwards †	William Pierce
Robert Enlow	Sherry & Virgil Pitts
Ellen Fumbanks	Jesse Pugh
Stephan Gardner	Jacqueline Robinson
David Gibbs	Carole Sallid-Times
Kristi Glenn	Ada Smith
Nannette Glenn	Gwendolyn Spencer
Eve Hall	Jerrye Stephenson
Gwendolyn Harrison	Marcia Stewart
John Henderson	Iola Stuart
Tony Higgins	Jerry Tarrer
Ursula Hogan	Kenneth Tatum
Bryan Hudson	Evelyn Taylor
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Shalanda Jenkins	Andrea Thomas-Reynolds
Matthew Johnson	Anthony Turner
Nicole Johnson	Robert Watson
Ernest Jones	Shelly Watts
Gail Jones	LaShuan Webb
Bernadette Kambi-Shamba	Alecea Williams
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