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8th ANNUAL MEETING



PARENTAL CHOICE:
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FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 1, 2008

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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, February 27

3:00PM - 6:00PM	Registration Support BAEO's Mission!
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Thursday, February 28

7:00AM - 8:00PM	Registration
7:00AM - 8:00AM	Yoga & Pilates
8:00AM - 9:30AM	Quality Educational Options (QEO) School Tour Registration
9:00AM - 9:00PM	Support BAEO's Mission!
10:00AM - 6:00PM	PowerBreaks: Complimentary Massage
10:00AM - 8:00PM	Exhibit Hall Cyber Café
10:00AM - 11:30AM	Encore Sessions
Noon - 1:30PM	Welcome Luncheon
1:45PM - 2:45PM	QEO School Tour Debrief
2:30PM - 4:00PM	Encore Sessions
3:00PM - 5:00PM	First-Timer's Orientation
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Conversation with the Board Chair & President
6:30PM - 8:00PM	Welcome Reception

Friday, February 29

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Pilates and Yoga
7:00AM - 8:00AM	Rev. Eddie Edwards Sunrise Prayer Service
8:00AM - 9:00AM	Networking Breakfast
8:00AM - 4:00PM	Registration
9:00AM - 9:00PM	Support BAEO's Mission!
9:00AM - 3:00PM	PowerBreaks: Complimentary Massage
9:00AM - 2:00PM	Cyber Cafe'
10:00AM - 3:00PM	Exhibit Hall
9:00AM - 10:30AM	Morning Concurrent Sessions
10:45AM - Noon	Town Hall Meeting
Noon - 1:00PM	Lunch On Your Own
2:00PM - 3:30PM	Afternoon Concurrent Sessions
4:00PM - 6:00PM	Annual Meeting of the General Membership
7:30PM - 9:30PM	Board Chair's Dinner
10:00PM - 1:00AM	Host Region 2009 Social Event

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**The Black Alliance for Educational Options
actively supports parental choice
to empower families and increase quality
educational options for Black children.**

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BAEO is in New Orleans to give support to the courageous people of Louisiana who are fighting every day to create a new educational system out of the devastation wrought by the fury of Hurricane Katrina. We are inspired by your courage, commitment, and fortitude. We are also honored to be here and to hold high the banner of parental choice, which must be one of the ingredients in the battle to save Louisiana's children.

While in New Orleans, we will engage in crucial conversations and networking opportunities about the following BAEO strategic priorities:

- Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute
- Mobilization
- Quality Educational Options
- Excellent Academic Achievement

In the BAEO tradition, discussions will be intergenerational and include the voices of local and national parents, students, educators, elected officials, emerging leaders, clergy, and sponsors.

Together, we will explore innovative solutions that **inspire** us to embrace dynamic strategies, **inform** our knowledge gaps and **empower** us to engage in the battle for parental choice.

As always, the Symposium Planning Committee provides quality school tours, powerful messages from movement leaders and activists, the Cyber Café, a cultural bookstore, lively entertainment, first timer orientation, annual meeting of the general membership, and a spectacular social event hosted by the next-up Symposium Host Region.

With a small staff, dedicated volunteers, evaluation forms providing inspiring ideas about how to improve, and a lean budget, we have proven time and again that the Symposium delivers a great return on our funders' contributions. A very special thanks to our funders for supporting the annual meeting of BAEO.

The search for the best-ever annual meeting is our never-ending pursuit. So, what is new this year? This is the first time the Symposium has been hosted in the South and in a city without a BAEO chapter. We welcome our first cohort of Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute Fellows and our new President. Our program is shortened from three to two days while maintaining program quality. A Black cultural art gallery is introduced featuring emerging and established artists. The Support BAEO's Mission exhibit is an opportunity to join BAEO and renew or upgrade your membership, and to contribute to future symposia. And much more!

So as some say in Louisiana, laissez les bon temp rouler!
(*Let the good times roll!*)



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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

On March 4-6, 1999, the Institute for the Transformation of Learning (ITL) at Marquette University convened a meeting of 150 Black people in Milwaukee Wisconsin, to learn more about the benefits of educational options for Black families. During the meeting it became obvious that in order to take full advantage of the various options that existed at the time or new ones that were being proposed in various states, a national organization of African Americans was needed. This belief led to the gathering of 50 dedicated and committed Black people at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC, on December 3-5, 1999, for the first organizing meeting of BAEO. The founders adopted the name of the organization, the mission statement and the general principles of the organization.

At a meeting immediately following the Second Annual Symposium, which was again hosted by ITL, about 90 of the 350 people who attended the Symposium attended a post-symposium session to continue organizing BAEO. At this meeting, the first draft of the organization's by-laws was reviewed and the participants elected Dr. Howard Fuller as President of the Board (the title was later changed to Chair of the Board). After the meeting, a 29-member board was formed and met for the first time on June 17, 2000. The organization was officially launched with a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on August 24, 2000.

Since its formal launch, BAEO has grown to become the preeminent national organization for Black people who support educational options. BAEO has continued to grow and advance its mission.

Since its launch in 2000, BAEO has:

- Located its national office in Washington, DC;
- Continued to inform, inspire, and empower parental choice advocates at the annual Symposium, which has become the largest gathering of parental choice advocates in the country;
- Created the Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute to develop the next generation of leaders and advocates for the parental choice movement;
- Developed effective public information strategies to support parental choice initiatives;
- Mobilized the support of Black people to enact, sustain and/or expand parental choice programs;
- Organized chapters and cadres of supporters in cities and states throughout the United States;
- Conducted outreach programs in Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Detroit to inform parents of their rights to Supplementary Educational Services under the No Child Left Behind Act;
- Recruited supporters and influencers who hold a variety of positions in government and private sector organizations; and
- Facilitated the development of three high schools as part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Small High School Initiative with plans to open an additional five schools by 2010.

BAEO is staunch in its belief that parental choice must be an integral part of any serious effort to reform education in America. BAEO firmly believes parental choice programs, which lead to the creation of quality educational options, not only rescue the children who can take advantage of such opportunities but also create powerful incentives for all schools, public and private, to improve. These twin measures of opportunity and improvement provide broad social and economic benefits for the children and families involved and for the entire community as well.

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Welcome to LOUISIANA

The members, allies and friends of Louisiana BAEO (LABAEO) are excited that you are here! We take great pride in hosting Symposium 08. We promise you will leave New Orleans with Louisiana “Lagniappe” (lan’ yap) (*a little something extra*).

BAEO is on the ground floor of REBUILD LOUISIANA, forging ahead with innovations in educating our children. While in “The Big Easy” please enjoy the educational options, music, food and rich heritage of “N’awlins”!

Laissez les bon temp rouler!
(*Lazay Lay Bon Tom Roulay*)
Let the good times roll!

BEHIND SYMPOSIUM 2008

ABOUT BAEO

SYMPOSIUM 2008

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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memory of the champions of
parental choice on page 18.

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Wednesday, February 27th	3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Thursday, February 28th	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Friday, February 29th	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

*10% discount if paid in full.

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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, Lisa Yvette Sullivan, and John Walton. 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)



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



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



John Walton
(1946-2005)

THE PROGRAM



The following pages include detailed information about the Symposium agenda. To view the Agenda-at-a-Glance open the front cover.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**3:00-6:00PM EARLY ARRIVAL REGISTRATION AND
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Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM-8:00PM REGISTRATION

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

7:00AM-8:00AM

Yoga & Pilates: Come and enjoy an hour filled with core strength training and muscle toning. Participants will learn correct breathing techniques, appropriate posture and poses, and the vital importance of meditative mindfulness. The combination of both Yoga and Pilates creates a strong, streamlined body, leaving you feeling taller, leaner, and with a strong sense of health and well being.

INSTRUCTOR: Diane Davis

Location: Gallier AB, 4th Floor

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:00AM-9:30AM

Quality Educational Options School Tour: A Symposium tradition continues as we tour high quality schools in New Orleans. Be inspired as you meet educators, students and parents who are pursuing a world-class education. Be informed as you learn through innovative teaching how the achievement gap is being closed. Our hope is that you will take home ideas, solutions and recommendations to your communities that enhance the lives of Black children.

Location: Registration Desk

Grand Registration Desk, 5th Floor

9:00AM-9:00PM SUPPORT BAEO'S MISSION!

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00AM-8:00PM EXHIBIT HALL

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:00AM-6:00PM POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE

Treat yourself to something renewing and relaxing. Take a 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.

INSTRUCTORS: Cynthia Lucas & Lillian Pounds

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:00AM-8:00PM CYBER CAFÉ

Want to learn more about computers? Are you missing your e-mails? Stop by the Cyber Café to access state of the art computers. Attend computer-training sessions on setting up an e-mail address, understanding the basic functions of the computer, and other special needs.

Location: Grand Couteau, 5th Floor

10:00AM-8:00PM CULTURAL BOOKSTORE:

Are you looking for a book to keep you motivated and inspired for the movement? Visit the Cultural Bookstore and find an assortment of topics that include education, Black history, fiction and non-fiction.

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:00AM-11:30AM ENCORE SESSIONS

Bailey and Sullivan Leadership Institute (BSLI)

- ***Raising Money in the Community:*** From local banks, regional grocery stores, and neighbors, it is possible to raise the money you need to support your work. Panelists will share examples of how they were able to raise money by educating local leaders and reaching out to individuals and organizations in the community.

MODERATOR: Quanda Charles

PRESENTERS: Cheryl Hillen & Lesley Searcey

Location: Bayside A, 4th Floor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00AM-11:30AM

Mobilization Strand

- ***Bridging the Party Divide:*** Whether you are a 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: Kevin Chavous

PRESENTERS: Jason Fields & Dana Rone

Location: Bayside C, 4th Floor

- ***Expanding, Impacting and Protecting Parental Choice:*** Working in concert with our national and local allies, we have successfully mobilized and strengthened our grassroots support systems to impact educational change and empowerment in Black communities in key cities and states throughout the country. Hear from BAEO leaders from Washington, DC, Milwaukee, WI and Newark, NJ, on the tremendous progress we have made and the ongoing struggles we face in the pursuit of enacting, protecting and expanding parental choice.

MODERATOR: Karlenna Glenn

PRESENTERS: Virginia Walden Ford, Felice Green &

Derrell Bradford

Location: Gallier AB, 4th Floor

Title II Academic Achievement

- ***Project Higher Education: Getting More Black Students to Complete High School and College:*** The statistics indicate that 50% of Black high school students will not graduate from high school this year. In this session, participants will learn how to beat these negative odds. Participants will hear from educators who are making a difference assisting Black students with high school graduation in record numbers. This session will also explore how to get into college and succeed. Finally, presenters will review the financial aid process and show parents and students how to complete federal financial aid forms and get money for college.

MODERATOR: Allen Penn

PRESENTERS: Rashida Evans & CEO Leadership

Academy Students

Location: Nottoway, 4th Floor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- **BAEO Hip-Hop Project:** We heard you loud and clear and because we listened, we're proud to offer an encore session on the BAEO Hip-Hop Project! Participants will learn how the Hip-Hop Project taps into the passion of bringing students together with professionals in the music industry that help them write, produce, market and distribute their own collective hip-hop album. Come learn about the work of the Hip-Hop Project and the ways it links youth culture to education.

MODERATOR: Isaac Ewell

PRESENTER: Christopher "Kazi" Rolle

Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor

NOON-1:30PM WELCOME LUNCHEON

PRESIDING: Deborah McGriff & Gerard Robinson

Location: Grand Ballroom CDE, 5th Floor

1:45PM-2:45PM QUALITY EDUCATION OPTIONS SCHOOL TOUR DEBRIEF

After a morning of touring some of the most inspiring, progressive and innovative schools in New Orleans, participants will return to share lessons learned and best practices shared during their visits from a distinguished panel of educators, administrators, parents and students on what makes their school a quality educational option and how they are preparing the leaders for tomorrow today.

Facilitator: Danielle Wright

Location: Gallier AB, 4th Floor

3:00PM-5:00PM FIRST-TIMER'S ORIENTATION

Is this your first Symposium? Are you interested in learning more about BAEO and what BAEO supports? These are questions first-timers frequently ask. In this session first-timers will receive an overview of the Symposium, the history of BAEO, and an overview of the educational options BAEO supports.

PRESENTERS: Howard Fuller, Deborah McGriff, & Gerard Robinson

Location: Grand Ballroom C, 5th Floor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:30PM-6:15PM CONVERSATION WITH THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

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.

PRESIDING: Howard Fuller & Gerard Robinson
Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor

6:30PM-8:00PM WELCOME RECEPTION

Welcome to the Big Easy! Come and experience what makes New Orleans one of the most unique cities in the world. You will enjoy amazing Cajun delights and the sounds of feet tapping and hand clapping jazz! During this reception you will meet new friends and greet old ones, too. It's time to kick-off the eighth annual gathering of parental choice advocates who continue to fight for Black children all over the country! Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

HOST: Louisiana BAEO
Location: Armstrong Ballroom, 8th Floor



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00AM-8:00AM

- ***Yoga and Pilates:*** Come and enjoy an hour filled with core strength training and muscle toning. Participants will learn correct breathing techniques, appropriate posture and poses, and the vital importance of meditative mindfulness. The combination of both Yoga and Pilates creates a strong, streamlined body, leaving you feeling taller, leaner, and with a strong sense of health and well being.

INSTRUCTOR: Diane Davis

Location: Gallier AB, 4th Floor

- ***Rev. Eddie Edwards Sunrise Prayer Service:*** Rise and shine and give God the glory as participants once again share in feeding their spirit while advocating for parental choice.

PRESENTERS: REVS. Raymond Bryant and Vernard Gant

Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor

8:00AM-9:00AM NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Location: Grand Ballroom CDE, 5th Floor

8:00AM-3:00PM REGISTRATION

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

9:00AM-9:00PM SUPPORT BAEO'S MISSION! OPENS

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, 5th Floor

9:00AM-10:30AM MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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- ***The School That Leadership Built:*** Are you interested in leading an excellent school? Do you want to know what resources are available to you? Are you interested in knowing how to attract and retain talented and qualified faculty members? If your interest was piqued by any of these questions, then this session is one you don't want to miss. This session will provide participants with a 360° view of how vital leadership is to create, build and maintain quality schools. You will hear from two leadership development experts. Most important, you will leave the session with strategies which you will quickly be able to implement!

MODERATOR: Denise Pitchford

PRESENTERS: Mashea Ashton & Maia Blackenship

Location: Nottoway, 4th Floor

- ***Quest: A School Support Organization:*** Have you wondered about the need for more Black led schools to be supported by quality school support organizations that are also led by Blacks? If your answer is yes, this session is for you. Come and learn about an organization that was created to support schools like yours and help you progress from good to great.

MODERATOR: Leroy McClure

PRESENTER: Michelle Nettles

Location: Bayside A, 4th Floor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00AM-10:30AM MORNING CONCURRENT SESSION

Mobilization Strand

- ***Planning and Executing a Successful Rally:*** Looking to snap the attention of political leadership within your state? Then let this session guide you through the process of organizing a rally, regardless of size. By using common steps and practices, you can customize and assemble people for any public policy event or political climate that will quickly and effectively gain the attention of legislative leadership.

MODERATOR: Larry Lindsey

PRESENTERS: Michael Benjamin, Tracie Craft & Darlene Callands Curry

Location: Bayside C, 4th Floor

Title II Academic Strand

- ***Learning Centers for Independent Learning:*** Participants and featured teachers will focus on the principles of self-directed learning. Teachers will see samples from K-8 and 9-12 schools that allow students to take ownership for their own learning. Parents will see how they can motivate their children and provide support without being an expert. Participants will receive a toolkit for designing, implementing and evaluating learning centers in their classrooms.

MODERATOR: Allen Penn

PRESENTER: Angela Ford Patton, Teresa Brown & La Rhonda Stewart

Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor

- ***21st Century Curriculum:*** Participants will discuss resources and strategies for building and refining curricula for the 21st Century. The areas of study will include economics, ecology and equity. Finally, participants will receive a packet of lesson plans (K-12) and resources for building rigorous and relevant curriculum.

MODERATOR: Isaac Ewell

PRESENTER: Robert Pavlik

Location: Bayside A, 4th Floor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- ***The Power of 3: The Teacher, Parent and Student Connection & UR Family:*** It's time to get the most out of the teacher, parent, and student relationship and the power of family! Learn how the strength of creating a power group of teacher, parent and student benefits all parties involved. Learn how to reduce and prevent further incidents of violence and abuse in families impacted by drugs, alcohol, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness.

MODERATOR: Tom Stewart

PRESENTER: Darrel McClendon & Robin Ingram

Location: Grand Ballroom B, 5th Floor

10:00AM-3:00PM EXHIBIT HALL

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:00AM-2:00PM CYBER CAFÉ

Location: Grand Couteau, 5th Floor

10:00AM-6:00PM CULTURAL BOOKSTORE

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:00AM-3:00PM POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY

Location: Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor

10:45AM-Noon TOWN HALL MEETING

PRESIDING: Ken Campbell

Location: Grand Ballroom C, 5th Floor

12:30PM-UNTIL BAEO HELPS REBUILD NEW ORLEANS

Location: Grand Registration Desk, 5th Floor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29**1:00PM-2:00PM CYBER CAFÉ COMPUTER TRAINING**

Participants will learn the basic properties of the computer. Specific instruction will include learning about Internet browsers and creating an e-mail account. Also in this session, participants will learn the basics of search engines and general instruction on application use, such as word processing and creating spreadsheets.

PRESENTERS: Armand Davila & Daniel Gordon
Location: Grand Couteau, 5th Floor

2:00PM-3:30PM AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Mobilization Strand

- ***Dialogue on Understanding the Truths about Parental Choice (Facts vs. Myths):*** Having to respond to opposition propaganda has made it difficult for education reformists to focus on ways to create, protect and expand parental choice options. In this interactive session, we reveal the truth about the most common arguments used by the opposition to offset reform efforts. Leave this session with information that will prepare you to chat with family and friends and engage in a healthy debate with leading opponents.

MODERATOR: Carla Hampton

PRESENTER: Karlana Glenn, Ed Kirby & Susan Mitchell

Location: Nottaway, 4th Floor

- ***Connecting Parental Choice with Ministry:*** Ministry is an integral part of the Black community. Having strong clergy speak out and educate their congregations about parental choice has been one of the primary reasons BAEO has been successful in mobilizing within our communities. Listen and learn from frontline clergy about why it is important for education reformists and ministry leaders to work in tandem for parental choice change.

MODERATOR: Aisha Saunders

PRESENTERS: Leslie Ellison, Rev. Buc Magee, Rev. John McVicker & Bishop Reynolds Thomas

Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor

- ***Parent Organizing–Telling Your Story: Teaching Parents How to Fish:*** Understanding the significance of parental choice and the empowerment it brings begins with being able to share your story, but most importantly, it brings self-action and self-accountability. Teaching parents how to “fish” and effectuate change on their own behalf creates parental choice warriors and fosters empowerment that is long-lasting.

MODERATOR: Ericka Murphy

PRESENTERS: Bertha Gilkey Bonds, Chanda Smith & Deborah Jones

Location: Bayside A, 4th Floor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Title II Academic Strand

- ***Literacy Strategies in Content Areas:*** Participants and featured teachers will discuss strategies for improving literacy school-wide. Two featured K-12th grade teachers will demonstrate effective learning strategies for math, reading/writing and science. Participants will receive a packet of field-tested strategies for improving students' vocabulary and comprehension in content area studies.

MODERATOR: Allen Penn

PRESENTERS: Kanika Burks & LaTasha Henry

Location: Grand Ballroom B, 5th Floor

- ***21st Century Curriculum:*** Participants will discuss resources and strategies for building and refining curricula for the 21st Century. The areas of study will include economics, ecology, and equity. Participants will receive a packet of lesson plans (K-12) and resources to build rigorous and relevant curriculum.

MODERATOR: Isaac Ewell

PRESENTER: Bob Pavlik

Location: Bayside B, 4th Floor

2:00PM-3:30PM

How to Achieve Average Yearly Progress (AYP): Are you interested in learning best practices from professionals who have unlocked the secret of achieving AYP? Participants will learn from real world experiences from professionals who successfully lead their schools to meeting and exceeding AYP. Hear an engaging panel of administrators and teachers discuss their experiences implementing successful AYP strategies. Come and learn how to incorporate aggressive and realistic best practices that will enhance your students' reading, math, and writing skills.

MODERATOR: Leslie Talbot

PRESENTER: Andrea Thomas Reynolds

Location: Bayside C, 4th Floor

4:00PM-6:00PM

Annual Meeting of the General Membership: Here is your chance to learn more about BAEO, get a pulse on what is going on inside the organization and gain an understanding of the ever-changing politics of the parental choice movement. Bring your questions, comments and suggestions.

PRESENTERS: BAEO Board and Staff
Location: Grand Ballroom B, 5th Floor

7:30PM-9:30PM BOARD CHAIR'S DINNER:

If There is No Struggle There is No Progress: The battle for parental choice is not an easy one. The forces that support the status quo are not going to just turn over their power to parents. We must be willing and able to engage in the struggle for as long as it takes to empower parents to be able to make the best choices for their children's education. Board Chair Howard Fuller will address the importance of getting up every day and going to battle to make parental choice a reality.

Featured Guest: Bill Oberndorf, Chairman of the Board of the Alliance for School Choice and Advocates for School Choice

Location: Grand Ballroom CDE, 5th Floor

10:00PM-1:00AM

Host Region 2009 Social Event: Get ready to experience the birth of Hip-Hop from New York City and groove to the sounds of the underground all the way to New Jersey! Celebrate with Symposium Host Region 2009 and sample flavors of the Northeast that only New York/New Jersey can call home. Don't miss it!

Location: Armstrong Ballroom, 8th Floor

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**10:30AM-12:30PM NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

Location: Oak Alley, 4th Floor



EXHIBIT HALL

**COME ONE,
COME ALL TO
THE BAEO
EXHIBIT HALL!**

**WIN
an iPod
and other
prizes**

- Innovative Educational Solutions
- Cultural Book Store and Art Gallery

LOCATION: Grand Ballroom A

**SCHEDULE: Thursday, February 28th
10:00AM to 8:00PM**

**Friday, February 29th
10:00AM to 3:00PM**



*To learn more about Sponsorship or Exhibition opportunities
for Symposium 2009, please contact
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SPECIAL FEATURES

CYBER CAFÉ

Want to learn more about computers? Are you missing your e-mails? Stop by the Cyber Café to access state of the art computers. Attend computer-training sessions, such as setting up an e-mail address and understanding the basic functions of the computer.

Location: **Grand Couteau, 5th Floor**

Hours of Operation:

Thursday, February 28th

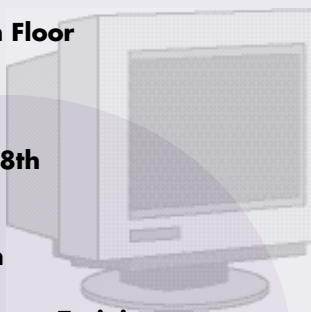
• **9:00AM-6:00PM**

Friday, February 29th

• **10:00AM-1:00PM**

• **1:00-2:00PM Computer Training**

(First Come, First Served)



POWERBREAKS COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGE

Treat yourself to something renewing and relaxing—take a 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: **Grand Ballroom A, 5th Floor**

Hours of Operation:

Thursday, February 28th

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RENEW
RELAX
& REVIVE

LOCAL TOURS AND DAY TRIPS

DAY TOURS

Gray Line Tour*

Jim Fewell

\$28.75 per person

min. of 20 persons / max. 51

3-hours with tour guide

Tickets must be purchased in advance

504.569.1401

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(Black & locally owned)

\$12.00 per person

without tour guide

504.525.2923

*Tour includes: upper and lower 9th Ward (Brad Pitt's project), St. Bernard, New Orleans East, Gentilly, Superdome and Charity Hospital.

FOOD

Café Du Monde New Orleans

French Market

800 Decatur St.

Open 24 hours a day

504.525.4544

Café Reconcile

1614 Oretha C Haley Blvd.

504.299.3910

Loretta's Pralines

2101 North Rampart

504.944.7068

Dooky Chase Restaurant

2301 Orleans Ave.

504.821.2294

The Praline Connection

542 Frenchmen St.

504.943.3934

MUSEUMS

New Orleans African

American Museum

1418 Governor Nicholls St.

504.566.1136

Francis Sylvester Backstreet

Culture Museum

(Mardi Gras Indians)

1116 Saint Claude Ave.

504.522.4806

ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet Lorraine's Jazz Club

1931 St. Claude

504.945.9654

DRUGSTORE

Walgreens Drugstore

900 Canal St.

SYMPOSIA REPEATERS

NINE TIME REPEATERS

Mashea Ashton	K. Miata Fuller
W. Raymond Bryant	Deborah McGriff
Zakiya Courtney	Angelete Melhado
Dwight Evans	Selina Wellington
Howard Fuller	

EIGHT TIME REPEATERS

Cheryl Brown	John McVicker
Anthony Courtney	Marilynn McVicker
Gail Foster	Jeanette Mitchell
Kelli Fuller	Annie Oliver
Francine Fulton	Ingrid Patrick
Felice Green	Lawrence Patrick, III
Sherry Hopkins	Lawrence Patrick, Jr.
Evelyn Jones	Judith Romelus
Jacqueline Joyner Cissell	Anita Ruiz

SEVEN TIME REPEATERS

Basimah Abdullah	Shree Medlock
Willie Breazell	John Morris
Margaret Briggs-Kenney	Donnamaria Parker
Margaret Ekam	June Perry
Rufus Ellis	Dale Sadler
Dwight Evans	John Skief
Jeannie Fenceroy	Thomas Stewart
Vernard Gant	Ken & Joyce Sullivan
Gail Hawkins-Bush	Kenneth Sullivan
Mikel Holt	Leslie Talbot
Sherry Hopkins	Kimberly Turner
Imani Humphrey	Virginia Walden Ford
Sharmain Matlock-Turner	Johnathan Williams

SYMPOSIA REPEATERS

SIX TIME REPEATERS

Yvonne Ali
 Tammy Allen
 Aretta Anderson
 Deidre Bailey
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 Harriett Ball
 Elizabeth Baptiste
 Amber Blackwell
 Delores Brents
 Barato Britt
 Cheryl Brown
 Dr. W. Raymond Bryant
 Kaleem Caire
 Darlene Callands-Curry
 Kenneth Campbell
 Dawn Chavous
 Tracie Craft
 Gale Davis
 Jerald Fair
 Isabella Fitzgerald
 Linda Ford
 Katina Fuller-Scott
 Felicia Geuka
 Karlana Glenn
 Bessie Gray
 George Greenidge
 Justine Hall
 Catina Harwell
 Catina Harwell -Young
 Gisele Huff

Imani Humphrey
 Nicole Johnson
 Keisha Jordan
 Evangelist Georgia King
 Georgia King
 John Kirtley
 Jamal Koram
 Leroy McClure Jr.
 Tracy McDaniel
 Shree Medlock
 Monique Miller
 Adrian Morgan
 DeAmo Murphy
 Holly Hasina Murphy
 Joseph Patrick
 Teresa Price
 M. Saungkatahu Richey
 Patricia Sadler
 John Skeif
 Dorothy Smith
 Hal Smith
 Thomas Stewart
 Sherry Street
 Kent Strong
 Christopher Sullivan
 Tasha Tillman
 Willie Timmons
 Dorothy Travis
 Donyale Whitmore

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 if your repeater categorization needs to be adjusted.*

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FIVE TIME REPEATERS

Dennis Alexander	Gail Jones
Tammy Allen	Jamillah Kareem
Lonnie Anderson	Verlene Kirkland
Ruby Bailey	Jack Klenk
Michael Benjamin	Baba Jamal Koram
Jordan Blair	Casey Lartigue
Cory Booker	Kimberly Marion
Barbara Callands	Michele Mason
Ernest Clayton	Leroy McClure, Jr.
Ernest Clayton	Ronkae McCoy
Gale Coffield	Kimberlyn Montgomery
Elizabeth Cooper	Harold Moore
Simone Donald	Anita Nelam
Alexia Ellis	Laurel Nobles
T. Willard Fair	Kenneth Outlaw
Kevin Francis	Ayana Patrick
Dolores Fridge	Goldie Patrick
Katina Fuller-Scott	Raymona Patrick
Dan Gaby	Raynona Patrick
Lisa Gage-Ray	Robert Pavlik
Ameftka Geuka	Diana Peterson
Felisa Geuka	William Peterson
Marie Gladney	Ericka Pittman
Nannette Glenn	Carole Sallid-Times
George Greenidge	Melissa Scott-Coleman
Mark Griffin	Yakini Shabaka
Brenda Hall	Ada Smith
Mataz Hall	Daria Stone
Mataz Hall	Kent Strong
Peggy Hardy	Evelyn Taylor
Angela Hayes	Steve Taylor
Bennie Hickman	Anthony Turner
Tony Higgins	Daryl Turner
Courtney Hunt	Jeannie Ullrich
Patricia Hureston Lee	Eric Utsey
Mominah Islam-Tatum	Monica Utsey
Archie Ivy	Kajet Washington
Maisha Jackson	Kajet Washington-Trice
Dorothy Johnson	Omar Wasow
Matthew Johnson	Demetria Wesley
Nicole Johnson	Anthony Hardy Williams
Ernest Jones	Brandi Wright

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*The struggle continues and
will not be won without you.
See you there!*

March 4-7, 2009

