

Great Teacher Symposium Agenda



Thursday, April 25

Hotel Capitan Cook – Quarter Deck

5:15 Registration opens

5:45 Welcome

- Cheryl Frasca, Executive Director, Education Matters, Inc.
- Don Winchester, Vice-Chairman, Education Matters, Inc. Board of Directors
- Ed Graff, Superintendent, Anchorage School District

6:00 Table discussion (over working dinner) about qualities of great teachers

6:35 Panel 1: “International Models of Excellence in Teaching: Lessons from Finland and Singapore”

Introduction of Speakers by Dan Sullivan, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage

- Pasi Sahlberg, Ph.D., Director General of Finland’s Ministry of Education and Culture
- Ee-Ling Low, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Programme and Student Development at Singapore’s National Institute of Education

Presentations will be followed by small group discussion with report back to full group in a plenary session, followed by questions and answers with presenters

8:50 Review agenda for Day 2

9:00 Adjourn for the evening

Friday, April 26

Denaina Center – 2nd Floor

8:30 Registration opens (if didn’t attend Day 1)

9:00 Reflections from Day 1 and review of day’s agenda

9:10 **Panel 2: Identifying and Supporting Quality Teaching in the U.S. and in Anchorage**

Introduction of Speakers by Commissioner Mike Hanley, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

- Dan Goldhaber, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Education Data & Research; University of Washington Bothell Professor in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- Ed Graff, Superintendent, Anchorage School District

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11:05 Break

11:20 Questions and answers session with presenters

12:10 **Identifying Qualities and Characteristics that Should Define Quality Teaching in Anchorage** (working lunch)

- Developing steps that will put high quality teachers in every classroom
- Discussion in small groups to be reported out in plenary session

3:00 Break

3:15 **Identifying Resources Needed to Accomplish Key Steps**

- Set learning/working agenda for future sessions to support action

4:35 Closing comments by participants

Discussion of next steps

5:00 Adjourn