

# *Averting Educational Crisis:*

OTL Conference

## Successful Strategies for NY

February 11, 2013 10:30am-4:30pm

New York State Museum . Albany, NY

### **Workshop #1: Educational Opportunity Vs. Insolvency**

During this workshop participants will have the opportunity to engage with what schools need in order to help students be college and career ready. Some of our NYS schools graduate almost all of their students and almost all of them go on to college which they complete successfully. Some schools, though, are facing a much different reality. Instead of offering college electives and Advanced Placement courses, they offer the bare minimum for graduation. Some schools don't even offer what NYS requires for a student to graduate. Those schools are facing what is called "Educational Insolvency." Students who attend those schools are often denied the opportunity to go to the college of their choice or even to any college. Participants will hear a robust discussion among panelists regarding their experience and expertise and should expect to leave the workshop with a clear understanding of the state of education today and of the types of programs necessary to help every student be college and career ready.

Facilitator: **Carol Burris**, PhD Principal of South Side High School, Rockville Centre

Panelists:

- **Patrick Michel**, PhD, Hamilton-Fulton- Montgomery BOCES District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer, leading expert in matters of educational and fiscal insolvency
- **Pat Puleo**, Yonkers Teachers Federation President, Art Teacher, veteran teacher in a school district facing many financial issues
- **Robert Jackson**, NYC Common Council member, chair of the Education committee, chief plaintiff in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit.
- **Ocynthia Williams**, parent leader NYC