

# Averting Educational Crisis:

OTL Conference

## Successful Strategies for NY

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

New York State Museum . Albany, NY

### Workshop #3: Solutions NOT Suspensions

Students cannot learn if they are faced with school policies that consistently push them out of school and into a pipeline to prison. During this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore a new initiative that invests in programs which improve student success in school and reduce reliance on incarceration, such as restorative justice. Participants will also have the opportunity to hear the experiences of youth that have gone through the system. These experiences underscore the need to invest in supportive schools that keep our communities safe. Participants should expect to leave the workshop having a clear understanding of what *Supportive Schools, Safe Communities* is, and how they can help raise awareness and public will around the issue.

Facilitator: **Billy Easton**, Executive Director of the Alliance for Quality Education and leading education expert.

#### Panelists

- **Marsha Weissman**, PhD Executive Director Center for Community Alternatives, leading expert in successful criminal justice reforms including alternatives to incarceration and detention.
- **Keith Jones**, Parent from Buffalo, active member of the Just and Fair Schools campaign aiming at changing the Buffalo Public Schools Code of Conduct.
- (2 more panelists TBD)

