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No Quick Fixes, Just a Sustained Focus

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Ferguson Library
Auditorium
One Library Place
Stamford, CT 06901

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Schedule

- 3:30-3:55 **Book Signing** – *Improbable Scholars*
- 4:00-4:10 **Greetings and Introductions**
Dudley Williams, Co-Vice Chairperson
Stamford Achieves
- 4:10-4:35 **Featured Speaker**
Professor David L. Kirp,
Author, *Improbable Scholars*
- 4:40-4:55 **Panelist Remarks**
Stanley Sanger – Superintendent,
Union City School District

Silvia Abbato – Asst. Superintendent,
Union City School District

Dr. Winnie Hamilton – Superintendent,
Stamford Public Schools
- 5:00-5:45 **Panel Discussion** – Questions & Answers
- 5:45-5:55 **Announcements & Closing Remarks**

Panelists

David L. Kirp

Author, *Improbable Scholars*

David L. Kirp, a nationally known education expert, is the James D. Marver Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley. From the beginning of his career as a professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education, children's issues have been his passion. In 17 books and scores of articles in newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Nation*, *American Prospect*, and *The Atlantic*, as well as in leading academic journals, he has covered the education waterfront from cradle to college.

Dr. Winnie Hamilton, Superintendent Stamford Public Schools

Dr. Winnie Hamilton has been Superintendent of Stamford Public Schools since July 2012. She has a long and distinguished career in Stamford Public Schools. Dr. Hamilton's administrative experience includes positions in the Central Office, including Acting Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. At the secondary school level, she has served as assistant principal and principal of Dolan Middle School, as well as assistant principal of Rippowam Cluster High School and Rippowam Magnet Middle School. Dr. Hamilton has a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health, and Recreation from Southern Connecticut State University, a Master's of Science in Guidance and Human Relations from the University of Bridgeport, and a PhD in Educational Leadership from Union Institute & University.

Stanley Sanger, Superintendent Union City School District

Since assuming leadership of the Union City School District in 2003, Superintendent of Schools Stanley Sanger has supervised a renaissance in public education that has transformed what was once one of the state's worst-performing school districts into one of its highest. Some of the many accomplishments under Mr. Sanger's leadership include (1) reconstruction of the District's instructional core curriculum, (2) development of a comprehensive Early Childhood Education program, (3) implementation of a state-of-the-art educational technology program, and (4) achievement of scores among the highest on New Jersey State Standardized Exams for all urban districts in New Jersey for the past 10 years.

Silvia Abbato, Assistant Superintendent Union City School District

Silvia Abbato is a Union City graduate who for the past 33 years has served the Union City Board of Education and the students and parents of Union City as an elementary school teacher, science and math supervisor, and school principal. In her current position as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, she directs Union City's educational programs and oversees the district's technology initiatives as well as its pre-college programs. Mrs. Abbato has recently been appointed to the 10-member NJ Academic Achievement Gap Task Force, which will examine and make recommendations on improving test scores for minority students statewide.