

**Chancellor's Principal Conference  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
May 18, 2013**

**AGENDA**

**8:30–9:30 a.m.: Breakfast and Registration** (Gymnasium—1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**9:30–11:30 a.m.: Morning Program** (Auditorium—1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Performance:** Middle school students from the New School for Leadership and The Arts in the Bronx

- Principal: Dolores Peterson
- Assistant Principal, Arts Academy: Eduardo Mora

**Reflection:** Angela Donkor, recent college graduate and graduate of the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice (class of 2008)

**Remarks:** Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott, Chief Academic Officer Shael Polakow-Suransky

**Keynote Speaker:** Colorado State Senator Mike Johnston (bio below)

**11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Transition to Breakout Sessions**

**12:00–1:15 p.m.: Breakout Sessions** (Classrooms—2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> floors)

See your nametag for your assigned breakout session and classroom number.

**1:15–2:00 p.m.: Lunch** (Cafeteria—7<sup>th</sup> floor)

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Keynote speaker **Mike Johnston** represents Northeast Denver in the Colorado State Senate and serves as a policy advisor to New Leaders, a national non-profit that recruits and trains urban principals. Mike first entered education as a high school English teacher in Greenville, Mississippi, an experience that led him to write his acclaimed book, *In the Deep Heart's Core*. After leaving the Mississippi Delta, Mike co-founded New Leaders. He started his own career as a principal leading two alternative high schools serving Colorado students held in state custody or living in group homes and detention centers. Most recently, Mike was the co-founder and principal of MESA (Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts), a redesigned urban high school in the Mapleton Public School District that made Colorado history by becoming the first public high school in which 100 percent of seniors were admitted to four-year colleges. In his current role as Colorado State Senator, Mike played a leading role in passing legislation to create a new educator evaluation and teacher tenure system for the state.

Mike has been an adjunct professor of education law at the University of Denver and has served as an advisor to state and federal political campaigns around the country, including as a top education advisor to Barack Obama's presidential campaign and transition. Recently named to *Time* magazine's "40 Under 40" and *Forbes* magazine's list of the "7 Most Powerful Educators," Mike holds degrees from Yale College, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and the Yale Law School. He sits on the board of many local and national organizations, including the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and the Urban League. He lives in Denver with his wife Courtney, who is Deputy District Attorney in Denver, their two sons, and a new baby girl.