THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 am – 12:00 noon
Conference Registration

7:45 – 8:45 am
Full Breakfast & President’s Welcome
Dr. Lowell Johnson, President, NASBE
Brenda Welburn, Executive Director, NASBE

8:45 – 9:00 am
Break

9:00 – 10:15 am
Congressional Education Policy Committees - Leadership Briefing
– 2010 Education Objectives
Speakers (confirmed): Maria Worthen, Professional Staff, Senate HELP Committee, Chairman Tom Harkin
Lindsay Hunsicker, Professional Staff, Senate HELP Committee, Ranking Member Michael Enzi

Description: Senate and House Education Committee Leadership with in-depth knowledge and experience working on various education issues will speak with legislative conference attendees about their 2010 education objectives, particularly the prospects for passage of ESEA reauthorization by Congress.

10:15 – 10:30
Break

10:30 am – 12:00 noon
Common Core Standards: State Adoption/Implementation – Panel Discussion
Panelists (confirmed): Members from the Following State Boards of Education:
Colorado, Kentucky, Nebraska, and New York

Description: Invited State Boards of Education from each region will discuss their current experiences and concerns with their potential adoption and implementation of common core standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative. Invited State Boards of Education will also outline what they have already learned about their adoption and implementation processes and provide specific solutions to alleviate such potential problems in other states in their respective regions.

12:00 – 5:00 pm
Capitol Hill Visits with Members of Congress (lunch on your own)

5:30 – 7:00 pm
Conference Reception, L’Enfant Plaza Hotel

7:00 pm
Dinner (on your own)
**FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

7:45 – 8:30 am  **Full Breakfast/Capitol Hill Debriefing**  
*Description:* Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their Congressional delegation meetings with other conference attendees and NASBE staff.

8:30 – 8:45 am  **Assemble in hotel lobby for bus to U.S. Department of Education**  
Buses leave *promptly* at 8:45 am.

9:30 – 10:30 am  **U.S. Department of Education Policy/Program Discussion Forum – ESEA Reauthorization and ARRA Implementation Update**  
*Speakers:* Arne Duncan, Education Secretary (invited)  
    Carmel Martin, Assistant Secretary (confirmed)  
    Massie Ritsch, Deputy Assistant Secretary (confirmed)  
    Other U.S. Department of Education Senior Staff (invited)  
*Description:* Education Secretary Arne Duncan and his senior department staff will host the State Boards of Education to discuss the Department’s ESEA reauthorization objectives and key themes, to provide an update on current ARRA implementation efforts, to discuss the outlook for passage of ESEA Reauthorization by Congress in 2010.

10:30 – 10:45 am  **Assemble for bus ride back to hotel (bus leaves at 10:45 am)**

11:00 am – 12:15 pm  **National Education Organization Stakeholders – Leadership Perspective on ESEA Reauthorization – Panel Discussion**  
*Panelists (confirmed):*  
    Dan Domenech, Executive Director, AASA  
    Reginald Felton, Director of Federal Relations, NSBA  
    Dane Linn, Education Division Director, NGA Center for Best Practices  
    Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, CCSSO  
*Description:* Leadership from the other major national education organizations will provide their perspectives, objectives, and recommendations for ESEA reauthorization.

12:15 – 1:30 pm  **Closing Luncheon – Keynote Address**  
*Speaker (confirmed):* Honorable Representative Jared Polis from Colorado