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## Change Course, Confront Crises, Continue the Legacy

## Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Education Summit

110<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Washington, DC

July 23, 2007  
2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2141 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Rep. Robert C. “Bobby” Scott and Rep. Danny K. Davis**  
Co-Chairs, CBC Education Task Force

**Reps. Donald Payne, Sheila Jackson Lee, Diane Watson and  
Yvette Clarke**  
Members, CBC Education Task Force

**Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick**  
Chairwoman, CBC

**2:00 Sign-In**

**2:20 Greetings by Members of the CBC Education Task Force**

**Panel 1: Now I Know My ABCs -- The Significance of a Strong Beginning**  
2:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

*This panel will focus on the importance of early childhood education, early child development and the role of parents throughout a child's educational career.*

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**Topic: Early childhood development including the impact of early education and parents on a child's growth**

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**Topic: Home environment and the role of parents**

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**Topic: From the practitioners' point of view**

**3:25 Remarks by the Honorable Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education**

**Panel 2: Dr. Seuss to Dr. Einstein – From Kindergarten through High School Graduation**

**3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.**

*This panel will look at primary and secondary education with a focus on No Child Left Behind (NCLB), closing the achievement gap, improving graduation rates, dropout prevention and recovery, and increasing minority teachers and principals.*

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**Topic: Teacher education and the need to produce quality teachers**

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**Topic: The dropout crisis in America**

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**Topic: Closing the achievement gap and competitiveness of minority populations**

<b>4:25 Break</b>
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<p><b>Panel 3: Oh, the Places You'll Go – The Importance of Higher Education</b></p>
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<p><b>4:35 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b></p>
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<p><i>This panel will address how to increase college preparation, access and financial aid, the inherent discrimination in the use of standardized admissions tests, the under-representation of minorities in particular fields of study, and the roles of HBCUs and PBIs in our communities.</i></p>
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**Topic: Improving access to college and the TRIO programs**

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**Topic: Inherent discrimination in standardized tests**

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**Topic: Attracting minorities to higher education, particularly STEM fields**

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**Topic: Access to student aid and what can be done to improve it**

**Panel 4: The Road Less Traveled – The Need for Alternative Education Opportunities**

**5:35 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

*This panel will examine the importance of alternative education opportunities such as GED and literacy education, prison education for both youth and adults, professional, technical and vocational education and apprenticeships, and job training opportunities.*

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**Topic: Quality education in youth and adult correctional facilities, Part I**

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**Topic: Quality education in youth and adult correctional facilities, Part II**

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**Topic: How to improve literacy**

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**Topic: Job training opportunities**

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**Topic: Education and employment practices that work best for reconnecting at-risk populations**