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3rd Annual Education Policy and Leadership Conference Kicks Off Sunday

(Harrisburg) - The 3rd annual Pennsylvania Education Policy and Leadership Conference, sponsored by The Education Policy and Leadership Center, will be held Sunday, March 13 through Tuesday, March 15 at the Harrisburg-Hershey Wyndham. This annual gathering brings together policymakers, educators, parents, business and community leaders to confer about education issues important to the future of Pennsylvania. Participants benefit from the unique perspectives offered by this diverse gathering of education stakeholders.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Francis Barnes will address the conference on Monday afternoon. Pennsylvania Secretary of Policy and Planning Donna Cooper speaks following dinner on Monday. The full conference agenda includes 20 plenary and concurrent sessions, including two Sunday afternoon pre-conference workshops on "Highly Qualified Requirements - Implications for Practitioners and School Staffing" and "Act 72 - Issues for School Boards and Communities."

Registrations for the 2005 Pennsylvania Education Policy and Leadership Conference will be accepted on site on both Sunday, March 13 and Monday, March 14. For more information about conference sessions, pre-conference workshops, and a registration form, see www.eplc.org/conference.html.

EPLC expresses great thanks to its Gold Level conference sponsors: Pennsylvania State Education Association, Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency/AES.