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Education's Next Horizon Releases Updated Report on Reform Measures



Education's Next Horizon recently released its latest publication, "2011 Key Education Issues: Changing Louisiana's Future." The report calls for advancing improvement in five areas of school improvement:

- Early Childhood Education: Critical Needs for Critical Years
- Ensuring Literacy: Reducing Student Retention
- Teacher Quality: Key to Student Success
- Increasing Graduation Rates: Learning to Finish
- Louisiana Students: College and Career Ready

"We strongly believe that pre-kindergarten to 12th grade public education must remain at the top of Louisiana's public policy agenda," said Steven Scheurich, president and chairman of Education's Next Horizon. This report is part of our continuing effort to frame the debate on key issues that drive the future of education and the future of Louisiana."

For each issue, the report provides an overview, current research findings and trends, and an analysis of key policy proposals. In addition, the report offers recommendations and key questions that should guide Louisiana's school reform efforts. Noting Louisiana's 50th ranking in NAEP 4th grade reading tests results and 49th ranking in 8th grade student reading, the report calls for expanded investment in LA 4, the state's Pre-Kindergarten program, and for increased investment in statewide literacy.

This year's update includes a new section on Teacher Quality, which

highlights the impact of teacher effectiveness in classroom learning and urges the development and implementation of value-added performance assessment for teachers and principals as a foundation for improvement academic achievement. "We urge Louisiana's leadership to join the debate for reform that positively impacts classroom effectiveness through a value added performance system that ranks among the best in the nation," says Scheurich.

For the full 20-page report [Click Here](#)

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School Improvement: Do We Have to Wait for Superman?

Dr. Phillip A. Rozeman, M.D., founder and board member of Education's Next Horizon, was the featured speaker at the February 23rd meeting of the Baton Rouge Rotary Club. Dr. Rozeman opened the speech with a trailer from the award-winning documentary, "Waiting for Superman." He then highlighted the practices and policies of four elementary and middle schools in Louisiana that have made significant improvement in closing the achievement gap and improving school performance. Dr. Rozeman concluded his remarks with an answer to the question. *"No," he said, "we don't have to wait on Superman. What works are great teachers, school leaders who have a purpose and set high expectations, and loving adults who are strong advocates for children. The teacher in the classroom makes all the difference in the world."*

One of the schools highlighted was Glasgow Middle School in Baton Rouge. Pictured above are Judy O'Dell, principal of Glasgow Middle, and Dr. Rozeman.