

Post-Katrina and New Orleans Public Schools

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2005

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Self Auditorium, Strom Thurmond Institute

PANEL:

Representative Charmaine Marchand, LA State Legislator, District 99, New Orleans Lower 9th Ward and Bywater neighborhoods

Dr. Brenda Mitchell, President of United Teachers of New Orleans, American Federation of Teachers Local 527

Senator Robert Ford, Charleston State Senator, District 42, born and raised in New Orleans 9th Ward

Greta Gladney, Director of The Renaissance Project, fourth generation resident and homeowner from the Lower 9th Ward

Kalamu ya Salaam, Co-director Students at the Center (school based writing program), community based video artist and writer

Jim Randels, Co-director Students at the Center, teacher at Douglass High School in District 99

- What role should teachers, legislators, and community partners take in rebuilding New Orleans in general and public schools in particular?
- How is post-Katrina situation affecting issues raised in the last legislative session concerning vouchers, school accountability, and teacher pay?
- What is the timetable for reopening public schools in District 99 and what effect will that have on rebuilding New Orleans?
- What lessons can New Orleans learn from Charleston about rebuilding after a Hurricane?
- What partnerships between public schools in Charleston and New Orleans can benefit both communities?