Special Announcement

As we indicated to you last week, our collaboration with Scholastic, Inc. has established an initiative with the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) that will provide a range of opportunities focused on developing a comprehensive approach to addressing barriers to learning and teaching and re-engaging disconnected students. These include a Request for Application that will establish 3-4 Lead Districts in moving forward to develop a comprehensive system of learning supports. (Information and application for the RFA are online at http://www.aasa.org/content.aspx?id=7264)

Now, we want to alert you to an upcoming Webinar –

Strengthening School Improvement by Developing a Comprehensive System of Learning Supports to Address Barriers to Learning and Teaching

For all who are interested, on October 29, 2009 from 1 pm to 2 pm EDT, AASA, Scholastic and UCLA will host a webinar titled, Strengthening School Improvement by Developing a Comprehensive System of Learning Supports to Address Barriers to Learning and Teaching. During the webinar, Drs. Adelman and Taylor will talk about why a system of learning supports is imperative for schools to succeed, and what forward thinking states and districts are doing to implement such systems in order to:

> Reduce student dropout rates
> Reduce teacher dropout rates
> Re-engage students in classroom leaning
> Narrow achievement gaps
> Eliminate the "plateau effect" related to student achievement
> Support schools in crisis

To register, Go to http://scholastic.webex.com/scholastic/k2/j.php?ED=127595687&UID=127473567&FM=1

Session Number: 359 033 400

Once you are approved by the host, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.