

## Registration

Please register online at [www.pioneerresa.org](http://www.pioneerresa.org). The full conference registration fee is \$195 per participant for administrators and teachers of Pioneer RESA member school systems and colleges.

Special pricing for early bird registration is \$175 per participant through April 15, 2009.

Registration includes Sunday evening meal, breakfast and lunch on Monday, and breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday.



## Lodging

Pioneer RESA has reserved a limited number of guest rooms at Brasstown Valley Resort for the evenings of Sunday, June 14, Monday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at a rate of \$170 per night plus taxes (a \$20 per night savings). Rooms accommodate from 1 to 4 persons. Private cottage guest rooms or full cottages with kitchen and den are available for groups at the same per room rate. Reserve your room directly with Brasstown Valley Resort by calling 1-800-201-3205 and identifying yourself as a Pioneer RESA Leadership Conference participant. For additional facility information visit Brasstown Valley online at [www.brasstownvalley.com](http://www.brasstownvalley.com).



## Professional Learning Units

Leadership Conference participants who register online and attend all scheduled sessions and submit an agenda for their school system's planning time on Tuesday afternoon will receive two (2) PLU credits.

Leadership Conference participants who register online and attend ten (10) scheduled sessions will receive one (1) PLU credit.

**21st Annual  
Pioneer RESA  
Leadership  
Conference**



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**June 14-17, 2009**

**Brasstown Valley**

**Young Harris, Georgia**

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## General Session Speakers

### Dr. Mark Wilson ~ 2009 National Principal of the Year

Dr. Wilson, an exceptional high school principal in Morgan County, GA, has been named GA Principal of the year and most recently, the National Principal of the Year. He increased the graduation rate at his high school from 71% to 85%. He reduced the achievement gap between subgroups from 19% to less than 1%. All this was accomplished in a school environment in which students taking AP and IB courses have increased from 30% to 38.9%. Dr. Wilson will show that we all have *The Power to Act* and make a real difference in the lives of children, our schools and our communities.

### Bill McNeal ~ 2004 National Superintendent of the Year

Mr. McNeal, retired Superintendent of Wake County, North Carolina Public School System, is a former State Superintendent of the Year and National Superintendent of the Year. He spent his 30 year career in education serving in positions from the classroom to the boardroom. He opened the school system's first contracted alternative high school and designed unique programs for the county's math and science technology magnet school. As superintendent he focused on and met the goal of having 95 percent of third and eighth-grade students at or above grade level. In his discussion of *Rigor, Relevance and Relationships*, Mr. McNeal says, "...we are not satisfied with mere success. Each child, every child, must have an equal chance to succeed. So now we turn from the good work that is ongoing to the hard work that is ahead."

**Nancy Blackwell ~ Award winning educator and successful businesswoman.** For the last five years Ms. Blackwell has split her time between teaching and being a facilitator for a premiere accelerated learning program, leading youth through brain-based learning strategies. She has led team building programs, both nationally and internationally, teaching educators the difference between the influence of power vs. the power of influence. She will share all she has learned in *Longevity of Success, Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life.*

## General Session Speakers

### GA State Representative Dr. Brooks Coleman Chairman of the Education Committee

Dr. Coleman is an accomplished former educator, writer and speaker. He is a family man whose life is enriched by multiple hobbies and sports. Currently, his work in politics puts him in the "eye of the storm." During the current budget crisis in state government, Dr. Coleman worked hard to give voters *Leadership in Tough Times*. His knowledge about the inner working of government at the highest levels offers insight into the complexity of the challenges we all face.

### Herb Garrett ~ Executive Director Georgia School Superintendents Association and Stuart Bennett, Executive Director Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

#### *Gold Dome Update*

Learn the impact of the most current educational legislation on tap at the Georgia General Assembly and how to lead in a climate of chaos.

### Harbin, Hartley, & Hawkins Education Attorneys

#### *Legal Update*

Learn about recent legal rulings, changes and challenges faced by Georgia educators, schools, school systems and local school boards. Are you legal?

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## Breakout Session Topics \*

- *Georgia Assessment of Performance on School Standards (GAPSS)*
- *Response to Intervention (RTI) ~ Math*
- *RTI ~Building a Content Literacy Continuum*
- *Data Collection, Analysis & Support*
- *Math, Science & Leadership*
- *Budgeting Challenges*
- *School Improvement*
- *Differentiated Instruction*
- *AYP ~ Tier 1/45 day plans*
- *Graduation/Dropout Prevention*
- *Professional Learning Designs for your school and system*
- *Online Professional Learning*
- *New Services at Pioneer RESA*
- *Disaster Recovery...Are you Ready?*
- *Charter Schools*
- *Individual System Planning Time*
- *Remedial Math—Basic Ideas*

\* Topics based on Results of December 2008 Pioneer RESA Member Systems' Administrator Responses & Survey of School System Needs

Additional Topics will be added as we continue to customize this conference to meet the needs of the school systems we serve. Please contact Lois Myers at [Imyers@pioneerresa.org](mailto:Imyers@pioneerresa.org) with specific breakout needs or presentation proposals.