

**A National Schools, Communities, Law Enforcement Summit  
A Blueprint for Community Fusion**

**June 6-7, 2016**

**The Metropolitan Convention Center  
\*The Vista  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Richland County**



**Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc.**



**The South Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members**



**The Richland County Sheriff's Department**



**The National Association of Black Journalists**



***\* South Carolina's Capital City, Columbia's Downtown Vista District, is one of the most historic, picturesque, and vibrant urban centers in America.***

# **The Summit**

The need across this great nation to strengthen positive race relations between African-Americans, and other people of color, with the institutions entrusted to advance, educate, nurture, protect and serve all citizens is the bedrock of this conference. This Summit will focus on the continuous improvement of those institutions for the benefit of all Americans.

This Summit emerges from the incident that took place in a South Carolina High School where a young Black female student was tossed across a classroom by a White school resource officer. The South Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members and the Richland County Sheriff's Department (the sheriff's department that employed the SRO) recognized that this incident should be employed as a catalyst to develop viable action plans for institutional improvement. These plans will be designed to enhance the quality of life in our schools and communities around South Carolina and across the nation.

Therefore, the Black Caucus and the Richland County Sheriff's Department enlisted the assistance of Richland County, the National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc., and the National Association of Black Journalists to help make this worthwhile concept a reality.

This Summit will bring stakeholders together from around the country to work in a mutual fashion for the greater common-civic-good. The goal of this Summit is twofold: (1) to allow schools, communities, and law enforcement agencies to work collectively in developing Blueprints for Fusion and (2) to advance and enhance the quality of life in their respective schools, neighborhoods, and municipalities. Cooperative stakeholder fusion in America's boroughs, counties, parishes, villages, hamlets, townships, and metropolises will strengthen the nation's journey through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Since schools continue to serve as centers of gravity for community progress and national advancement, the Summit's goal will best be achieved by extrapolating techniques from a proven process employed by the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc. The process draws community stakeholders together in order to develop strategies to deploy tactical measures designed to equip the next generation of school age children with the skills and resources necessary to be successful citizens. BRSE's Blueprint for Excellence concentrates on nine areas- *1. Student Focus and Support, 2. School Organization and Culture, 3. Challenging Standards and Curriculum, 4. Active Teaching and Learning, 5. Technology Integration, 6. Professional Community, 7. Leadership and Educational Vitality, 9. School, Family, and Community Partnerships, and 10. Indicators of success.*

At the Summit's conclusion, through workshops, breakout sessions, vendor exhibits, and collaboration with conference attendees, teams will leave having designed their own initial operational Blueprints for Fusion uniquely tailored for their particular setting. These operational blueprints will be in their embryonic stage of development. Therefore, support from professionals associated with many of the Summit's collaborating partners, vendors, and/or sponsors will be available, to assist in the ongoing development of these Blueprints for Community Fusion. This will allow those attendees who desire extended assistance, upon returning to their respective communities, to receive the support needed.

## **Who should attend this conference?**

Teams, from all communities, interested in enhancing the quality of life for those they serve or represent- schools, colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, houses of faith, governmental entities, business leaders, political leaders, civic organizations, Greek organizations and other related entities.

## **Continuing Education Credit To Be Determined (TBD)**

Continuing Education Credit/Units. (Details being worked out with an institution of higher learning. A fee to the institution will be required of the registrant, in addition to paperwork, submitted at the Summit's conclusion verifying that the registrant requesting credit attended).

## **A National Call for Presentation Proposals**

The Summit organizers are soliciting presentations, highlighting best practices, that fall into one or more of the nine categories outlined in the Blueprint for Excellence; particularly, within the categories of School Organization and Culture; *School, Family and Community Partnership*. (Descriptions of each category can be found on the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Inc., website.)

Individuals and/or groups selected to present are responsible for all expenses they incur associated with the Summit, including all registration fees. Selected individuals and/or groups will need to provide their own audio visual equipment.

Proposals for Presentations should be emailed to [info@blueribbonschools.com](mailto:info@blueribbonschools.com) or mailed to P.O. Box 322, Chapin, SC 29036 by Friday, April 15, 2016. You can also visit the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence website: [www.blueribbonschools.com](http://www.blueribbonschools.com).

## **A National Call for Student and/or other Stakeholder Performances**

The Summit organizers are soliciting audition recordings of individuals and/or groups to perform during the Summit. Individuals and/or groups selected to perform are responsible for all expenses they incur associated with the Summit. Information can be emailed to [info@blueribbonschools.com](mailto:info@blueribbonschools.com) or mailed to P.O. Box 322, Chapin, SC 29036 by Friday, April 15, 2016. You can also visit the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence website: [www.blueribbonschools.com](http://www.blueribbonschools.com).