

## **AGENDA**

*Policy Challenges Conference:  
Identifying Learning Disabilities in English Language Learners*

May 25, 2010  
Ulster BOCES Conference Center  
New Paltz, New York

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| <b>8:30–9:00 AM</b>      | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>9:00–9:15 AM</b>      | <b>Welcome and Overview of Conference</b><br>Daniel Shanahan, Director, Mid-Hudson BETAC<br>(Bilingual Education Technical Assistance Center)<br>Jill Weber, Director, REL Northeast & Islands  |
| <b>9:15–10:15 AM</b>     | <b>Keynote Address</b><br>Dr. Janette Klingner, University of Colorado at<br>Boulder  |
| <b>10:15–10:45 AM</b>    | <b>Issues &amp; Answers Presentation</b><br>Dr. María Teresa Sánchez, Senior Research<br>Associate, REL-NEI   |
| <b>10:45–10:55 AM</b>    | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:55–11:10 AM</b>    | <b>Small Group Discussion by District Teams</b>   |
| <b>11:10–11:30 AM</b>    | <b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>  |
| <b>11:30 AM–12:10 PM</b> | <b>New York State Education Department (NYSED)<br/>Comments</b><br>Dr. Alexia Thompson, Associate in Bilingual<br>Education from the Office of Special Education,<br>NYSED<br>Dr. Pedro Ruiz, Coordinator of the Office of Bilingual<br>Education and Foreign Language Studies, NYSED |
| <b>12:10–12:45 PM</b>    | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>12:45–1:30 PM</b>     | <b>Practitioner Panel Discussion</b>  |

**1:30–1:50 PM**

**District Self-Assessment**

**1:50–2:00 PM**

**Respondent Summary Comments**  
Dr. Janette Klinger