



The Alliance for Excellent Education  
Presents a Webinar on

## **The 2009 High School Transcript Study: Are the Nation's High School Graduates Being Prepared for College and Careers?**

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 ♦ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, ET

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **Sean P. “Jack” Buckley, PhD**

*Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education*

Jack Buckley was confirmed December 2010 by the U.S. Senate as the new commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). He brings a commitment to enhancing the relevance, timeliness, and methodological rigor of NCES's work in all areas of education.

Commissioner Buckley is currently on leave from New York University, where he is an associate professor of applied statistics. He also served previously as deputy commissioner of NCES from 2006 to 2008 under former NCES Commissioner Mark Schneider. Dr. Buckley is known for his research on school choice, particularly charter schools, and on statistical methods for public policy. His term runs through June 21, 2015.

Dr. Buckley was an affiliated researcher with the National Center for the Study of the Privatization in Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, and in 2007 he published a book with Mark Schneider entitled *Charter Schools: Hope or Hype?* He has taught statistics and education policy in several capacities including adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University, assistant professor at Boston College, and instructor at the State University of New York (SUNY) Stony Brook. Dr. Buckley spent five years in the U.S. Navy as a surface warfare officer and nuclear reactor engineer, and he also worked in the intelligence community as an analytic methodologist. He holds a BA in government from Harvard University, and he earned his MA and PhD degrees in political science from SUNY Stony Brook.

#### **David P. Driscoll, PhD**

*Chair, National Assessment Governing Board  
Former Commissioner of Education, Massachusetts Department of Education*

David Driscoll currently chairs the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and is outgoing president of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). From 1998 to 2007, he served as the twenty-second commissioner of education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Commissioner Driscoll has a forty-three-year career in public education and educational leadership.

A former secondary school mathematics teacher, he was named Melrose assistant superintendent in 1972 and superintendent of schools in the same community in 1984. Dr. Driscoll served in that role until 1993, when he was appointed Massachusetts' deputy commissioner of education, just days after the state's Education Reform Act was signed into law. He became interim commissioner of education in July 1998 and was named commissioner in March 1999.

Dr. Driscoll holds a BS degree in mathematics from Boston College, an MA degree in educational administration from Salem State College and a PhD degree in education administration from Boston College.

### **Bob Wise**

*President, Alliance for Excellent Education*

Bob Wise is president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. He currently cochairs the Digital Learning Council with Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida, and chairs the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He is also author of the book *Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation*.

Gov. Wise joined the Alliance in 2005, where he continues to build its reputation as a respected authority on high school policy by advocating for reform in America's secondary education system and working to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and to be contributing members of society. Gov. Wise has become a sought-after speaker and advisor on education issues; he has advised the U.S. Department of Education, White House Transition Team, and frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress.

As governor of West Virginia from 2001 to 2005, he implemented the PROMISE Scholarship program, significantly increasing college attendance. From 1983 to 2001, Gov. Wise served in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he aggressively worked to preserve federal financial aid for students to attend college.

Gov. Wise earned a BA degree from Duke University and a JD degree from Tulane University School of Law. His board and committee services also include the Public Education Network, America's Promise, and the National High School Center.