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# MEASURING UP

A Seminar on School Accountability

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am Coffee/Tea
- 9:00 am **Welcome: Malkin Dare, SQE President**  
**Session 1: "The Cartel"**  
Screening Canadian Premiere of the 2009 award winning documentary, written and directed by Bob Bowdon, on investigating public education in the United States and how a widespread national crisis manifests itself in the educational failures and frustrations of individual communities.
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am **Panel Discussion**  
Discussion Topic: Are Toronto Schools like Those in The Cartel? Are we headed there?  
Moderator: **Gerry Nicholls**, Political Consultant and former vice-president of the National Citizens Coalition  
Panelists: **Bob Bowdon**, Writer and Director, "The Cartel"  
**Andrew Thomas**, Principal, Crawford Adventist Academy  
**Virginia Walden-Ford**, Director, DC Parents for School Choice  
**Spider Jones**, Believe to Achieve
- 12:00 noon **Keynote Speaker: Theo Caldwell**, International Investor, Commentator, and Author of "Finn the Half-Great"  
Topic: What can the public sector learn about the private sector (and vice-versa) about accountability?
- 12:30 pm Luncheon Buffet
- 2:00 pm **Session 2: Are Ontario Schools Accountable?**  
**Panel Discussion**  
Discussion Topic: Have accountability reforms worked? What are next steps? Is School Choice the answer?  
Moderator: **Michael Coren**, The Michael Coren Show CTS  
Panelists: **John Snobelen**, Former Ontario Minister of Education  
**Andrea Mrozek**, Institute of Marriage and Family Canada  
**Dr. Paul Bennett**, Director, School House Consulting
- 3:15 pm **Summary: Where Do We Go From Here?**  
Moderator: **John Bachmann**, SQE Vice-President

As well as they might be doing today on international tests, Canadian students are going to have to do better – because the rest of the world is not standing still (we are already slipping in the rankings). Is Canadian public educators' resistance to being "accountable" for student learning a crippling impediment to improving our schools? Are accountability measures like testing enough? These important questions will be addressed in this seminar.

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