

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEWS ALERT

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## NEBRASKA EDUCATION LEADERS ATTEND EQUITY EDUCATION FORUM NOV. 9-10

About 150 Nebraska education leaders will hear Education Commissioner Roger Breed and national experts discuss cultural initiatives to support learning for all students during a Nov. 9-10 conference in Kearney.

Teachers, administrators and other Nebraska education leaders will attend the *Building the Bridge Between Equity Education and School Leadership for Learning* at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney tomorrow and Wednesday, Nov. 9–10. The Nebraska Department of Education is cosponsoring the conference to create a forum for education leaders on equity education issues.

Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed will open the conference, speaking Tuesday, at 10:15 a.m. The following nationally-recognized leaders in the area of equity education will present strategies for educators to further develop their leadership skills and to create equitable learning opportunities to help all students succeed:

- Bradley Scott, director of the South Central Collaborative for Equity, conducts training and provides technical assistance in race and human relations, labor relations, intrapersonal and interpersonal communication, management styles, leadership skills, employee productivity and resource management. Scott has a Master's Degree in early childhood and elementary education and a doctorate in education administration.
- Thomas Peacock has worked as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Minnesota Public Schools and tribal schools. Peacock has authored and coauthored books on Native American education and is associate professor of educational leadership at Winona State University in Minnesota.
- Sharroky Hollie, a consultant in cultural and linguistically responsive teaching and learning, has nearly 20 years of experience in education. He is an assistant professor in teacher education at California State University and co-founder and executive director of the Center for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning.

Educators attending the conference will tour the newly-built Pawnee earth lodge at the Great Platte River Road Archway in Kearney and view a Nebraska Department of Education documentary, *When We Stop Counting*.

In addition to the Nebraska Department of Education Multicultural Office, other cosponsors include the North Central Comprehensive Center, Midwest Equity Assistance Center, Mountain Plains Regional

Resource Center, Nebraska Council for School Administrators, Nebraska State Education Association and the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

The conference begins Tues., Nov. 9, at 10:00 a.m. The conference agenda is available at [www.education.ne.gov/mce](http://www.education.ne.gov/mce).