



The System for Teacher
and Student Advancement

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Dear Superintendent Wilde,

The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) **invites you to attend the 12th Annual National TAPTM Conference on March 9-10, 2012** at the Century Plaza Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles.

To register to attend, please visit our website at <http://www.tapsystem.org>. Conference registration is expected to fill up quickly, however, should you encounter any difficulties, please contact Jessica Doshna at (310) 570-4860 for more personalized assistance.

During the TAP Conference, we would like to invite you to attend a private reception. This special gathering is exclusively for TAP Superintendents. It is designed to offer you the opportunity to meet Lowell Milken, our Chairman and Founder, and Gary Stark, our President and CEO. Within this venue, we expect that you will be able to optimize your time to network with fellow TAP Superintendents from across the country, as well as get to know many of our TAP staff. The reception will be held on Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. Kindly RSVP to Jessica Doshna at jdoshna@niet.org by February 1, 2012.

To maximize your TAP Conference experience, we suggest you travel on Thursday, March 8th and return on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Conference registration will open on **Thursday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. and remain open until 10:00 p.m.** On Friday, the **Opening Session of the 2012 TAP Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp**, featuring Lowell Milken. We know this opening session will be insightful and informative for all attendees. Friday and Saturday will provide the opportunity for you to hear from national leaders in education, as well as those implementing TAP across the country. The conference will conclude on Saturday evening with a formal closing session, followed by a TAP Reception.

The TAP Conference provides a unique opportunity for educators, schools, districts and states to learn more about TAP's elements, their practical application and overall impact on improving education. Each year, attendees of the TAP Conference gain from collaboration and sharing among new and veteran TAP schools, and take away strategies to strengthen and sustain TAP.

The 2012 TAP Conference promises to bring together those currently implementing TAP, as well as those in schools that are planning to implement over the next few years. We expect nearly 1,500 attendees representing TAP projects across the country as they are joined by leaders from across government, business, academia and foundations.

We hope that you will be able to attend and encourage you to register at your very earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Susan Marraffa
Conference Director