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*\* PLEASE NOTE: The 2008 Family Impact Seminar is for legislators, legislative staff, governor's office staff, executive branch agency representatives, school board chairs, superintendents and LEA dropout prevention coordinators.*

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North Carolina  
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**DROPOUT PREVENTION:  
STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008**

**8:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.**

**LUNCH SESSION FOLLOWING**

**LEGISLATIVE AUDITORIUM  
NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
16 WEST JONES STREET, RALEIGH**

The seminar will provide policymakers with objective information, insight and policy options concerning the school dropout issue. National experts will address:

- The conditions that push students out of school.
- How to improve low-performing high schools.
- How to build system capacity to improve high school graduation rates.

*This event qualifies as an educational event under the State Government Ethics Act because notice has been given 10 days in advance of the meeting, the meeting has a formal agenda and will have at least 10 participants, and any food, beverages or entertainment will be provided to all attendees or defined groups of 10 or more attendees. (See N.C.G.S. 138A-32(e)(3).)*

## North Carolina Family Impact Seminars

North Carolina Family Impact Seminars provide **objective, nonadvocacy, solution-oriented research** on timely policy issues. The seminars encourage policymakers to consider the impact of policies on families, just as they regularly consider the impact of policies on the economy and the environment.

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The bipartisan NCFIS Legislative Advisory Committee guides selection of the topic. This year's seminar complements and augments the important work already under way in North Carolina on school dropout prevention.

### Legislative Advisory Committee

- Rep. Jeff Barnhart
- Rep. Bob England
- Rep. Rick Glazier
- Sen. Kay Hagan
- Sen. Fletcher Hartsell
- Sen. Vernon Malone
- Sen. Jean Preston
- Rep. William Wainwright

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## Seminar Agenda

- 8:30 Registration  
Auditorium, Third Floor, Legislative Building
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:05 Setting the Stage: The Dropout Issue in the United States and North Carolina  
Introduction of Speakers  
**Jim Johnson**  
*former Director of the N.C. General Assembly Fiscal Research Division and Visiting Professor of the Practice of Public Policy at Duke University*

### **Presentations** (each followed by 10-minute Q&A):

- 9:20 Identifying and Addressing the Conditions that Push Students Out of School  
**Irving Hamer, Ed.D.**  
*Executive Vice President for Client Services and Strategic Development, The Millennium Group*
- 9:55 Meeting Six Critical Challenges for Improving Low-Performing High Schools  
**James Kemple, Ed.D.**  
*Director of K-12 Education Policy Area, MDRC*
- 10:30 Building System Capacity to Improve High School Graduation Rates  
**Russell W. Rumberger, Ph.D.**  
*Professor of Education in the Gervitz Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Santa Barbara;  
Director, University of California Linguistic Minority Research Institute;  
and Director, California Dropout Research Project*
- 11:05 Interactive Panel  
**Moderator: Jim Johnson**
- 12:15 Lunch Session  
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Level A Meeting Room