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Rockland Community College to Hold Public Forums on the Future of Educational Assessment

free and open to the public

Ramapo- Parents, educators and students who are interested in the future of educational assessment are invited to participate and share their thoughts during a series of public forums featuring members of the Gordon Commission on the future of assessment in education including Dr. Edmund W. Gordon, chair of the Commission, and Scholar in Residence at Rockland Community College. The commission was established by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), as an independent commission, to investigate and advise on the nature and use of educational testing in the 21st century.

What: Gordon Commission Forums at Rockland Community College

Where: Technology Center, Ellipse (Rm. 8180)

When: Educators - Thursday, March 22, 2012, 7:00-9:00 pm

From your unique perspective, what do educators need from assessment, and how can testing be used to improve teaching and learning?

Parents – Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:00-9:00 pm

What do parents want and need from assessment in education?

HS and College Students - Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:00-8:30 pm

What do you seek from educational assessment and testing? What troubles you about contemporary testing practices?

Commission's three-fold mission

- Study the best of current educational assessment policies, practices and technologies.
- Consider how education will change in the future and what it will need from educational measurement during the 21st century.
- Generate recommendations for the design of models for educational assessment that support the demands of anticipated educational needs through the next quarter century and beyond.

For more information about the work of the Gordon Commission visit

www.gordoncommission.org

For additional information about the forums, please call the RCC Office of the President: **845-574-4214** or email: contact@gordoncommission.org

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Commission Members

The Commission members are outstanding leaders from the fields of education sciences, psychometrics and public policy. They have joined together to produce a vision for fair and beneficial educational assessment for the 21st century.

www.gordoncommission.org/who_we_are.html

Dr. Edmund W. Gordon

John M. Musser Professor of Psychology-Emeritus, Yale University, the Richard March Hoe Professor of Psychology and Education-Emeritus, Teachers College, Columbia University and the founding director of the Institute of Urban and Minority Education (IUME) at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Gordon has been a resident of Rockland County for over 50 years. Along with his wife, Dr. Susan Gordon and their four children, he is a co-founder of the CEJES Institute in Pomona, NY. The Institute is a cultural, educational, and research foundation dedicated to improving the educational and social conditions for all disenfranchised people, with a particular emphasis on the lives of children of color. www.cejjesinstitute.org

Dr. Gordon has authored 18 books and over 200 articles, was influential in the establishment of Head Start and the compensatory and supplemental education movements. He is a leading African American psychologist and one of America's most prolific and thoughtful scholars, recognized as a preeminent member of his discipline and profession. An elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the American Association for Orthopsychiatry, Fellow and Life Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an elected member of the National Academy of Education.

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