

About our presenters:

Great Things are Happening in Durham Public Schools!

A public school system with two elementary Montessori schools, a health sciences academy, its own School of the Arts, and many more offerings: that's Durham Public Schools, a school district where parents have educational choices for their children. Student achievement continues to rise in DPS, which is expanding its commitment to providing parents the state's widest range of options for their children. DPS listened to the Durham community's ideas and concerns regarding what kinds of schools and programs they would like to see. From that, more instructional options are being offered.

Durham Public Schools has achieved a great deal of measurable success in its elementary schools over the last several years. The system is now focused on expanding that level of success to the upper grades. Middle and high school improvement is under way, with changes in programs to better relate to students.

About Durham's Partnership for Children
Durham's Partnership for Children was founded in 1994 and first funded in 1995 to administer the Smart Start grant in Durham County. Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized initiative to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. Smart Start helps working parents pay for childcare, improves the quality of childcare and provides health and family support services in every North Carolina County. Durham's Partnership works with funded partners (affiliated organizations) to achieve its mission: "To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful approaches to serving the needs of children 0-5 and their families." Durham's Partnership for Children also administers the Governor's More at Four Program in Durham County. For additional information on Durham's Partnership for Children, please contact 919-403-6960 or visit our web site at www.dpfc.net.

Marsha R. Basloe

Executive Director, Durham's Partnership for Children

Marsha Basloe has been the Executive Director of Durham's Partnership for Children since 2003. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree

from Syracuse University in Interpersonal Communications and English Education and has a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration. Her nonprofit experience also includes being the Executive Director of Beth David Congregation and The Gordon Schools in Miami, FL.

Durham Public Education Network

The Durham Public Education Network is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with Durham Public Schools and the community to help bring educational equity to all children in the schools, assisting to ensure their highest levels of achievement. The Network helps focus community resources for this purpose from corporations and small businesses, individuals and grants.

Deborah J. Horvitz

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Deborah Horvitz started her professional career as a special needs teacher in public and private schools in and around Boston. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Boston University, and a master's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education from Lesley College. Horvitz has been Communications Director for a Harvard hospital, Director of Duke's Fuqua School of Business' Executive MBA Programs, Director of Communications for Duke's HR Department, and Director of Meredith College's Graduate School.

Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

Businesses, organizations, and agencies choose to be part of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce because it is a thriving, pro-active business leadership organization that effectively serves its members. They recognize that by working together through the Chamber they can help build a prosperous, healthy community for businesses and residents. Established in 1906, the Chamber celebrates 100 years of serving the community through its public policy, economic and workforce development, small business and member programs and activities.



State of Durham's Children Celebrations, Challenges, Commitments

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