

Rep. Loebsack Visits Iowa Schools

Congressional Visits To Highlight 21st Century Skills

Iowa City, IA – October 5, 2012 – Congressman and 21st Century Skills Caucus Co-Chair Dave Loebsack (D-IA2) will lead a delegation with the <u>Partnership for 21st Century Skills</u> to several Iowa high schools on Wednesday, October 10.

The schools, in Iowa City and Muscatine, have been selected as exemplars in the successful incorporation of 21st century skills into the curriculum. Rep. Loebsack will visit Iowa City West High School, where students have focused on critical thinking and collaboration; Muscatine High School, which has established a new "Global Generation" project designed to increase graduation and college completion rates; and Muscatine High School's East Campus, an alternative high school that will host a roundtable discussion of students' experiences in the development of 21st century skills.

"As we launch the bipartisan Congressional 21st Century Skills Caucus and build awareness around the importance of 21st Century Skills in Washington, D.C. I'm eager to learn from students and educators in Iowa about what they need to succeed in our global economy," said Loebsack. "I'm happy to partner with so many innovative businesses on moving education forward. I hope to use what we find on the ground in Iowa, and what we hear from schools as we consider how we can best support 21st Century educational practices that will prepare our students to be effective leaders and contribute to job and economic growth in the future."

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AGENDA:

8:00-9:15 AM Iowa City West High School

2901 Melrose Avenue

Iowa City, IA

Classroom observation of critical thinking and collaboration skills. Rep. Loebsack will have a roundtable discussion with the classroom students on 21st Century learning and skills.

Opportunities provided to speak with students, educators and Rep. Loebsack.

9:15-10:15 AM Travel to Muscatine High School

10:15-11:15AM Muscatine High School

2705 Cedar Street Muscatine, IA



Student presentations from participants in Global Generation program, followed by a Community Values Exhibition and an overview of competency-based education.

11:15-11:30 AM Travel to Muscatine High School's East Campus.

11:30-12:15 PM Roundtable lunch with alternative school students focusing on 21st century skills development.

Opportunities to speak with students, educators and Rep. Loebsack.

RSVP: Please RSVP as space is limited: aknapp@p21.org

For more information about the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and the Congressional 21st Century Skills Caucus, visit www.P21.org/Caucus.

The bipartisan Congressional 21st Century Skills Caucus was formed in the 112th Congress to provide a platform and ongoing forum that allows thought leaders, advocates, practitioners and organizations from the public and private sectors to brief Congress about the importance of 21st century ckills toward readiness for college, career and life for every student.

About P21: P21 is a national organization that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student. As the United States continues to compete in a global economy that demands innovation, P21 and its members provide tools and resources to help the U.S. education system keep up by fusing the 3Rs and 4Cs (critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration and creativity and innovation). While leading districts and schools are already doing this, P21 advocates for local, state and federal policies that support this approach for every school.

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