**School District Organization in New York:**

**What do we know and what do we need to know?**

**August 9, 2011**

**Onondaga Cortland Madison BOCES**

**Agenda**

8:30am Registration and refreshments

9:00am ***Welcome and Overview***

Jessica Cohen, District Superintendent, OCM BOCES

9:15am ***Framing the Issues***

Alan Pole, Castallo & Silky Education Consultants

9:30am ***Current Policy & Initiatives Regarding School Organization***

John King, Jr., Commissioner, NYSED

10:00am ***What does the research tell us…and what doesn’t it say?***

William Duncombe, Syracuse University

10:30am ***A view from the field…Case studies***

William Silky, Castallo & Silky Education Consultants

Alan Pole, Castallo & Silky Education Consultants

11:00am ***Reactions: A Panel of Policy Makers***

John King, Jr., Commissioner, NYSED

John DeFrancisco, NYS Senator

Anthony Bottar, Regent, NYS Board of Regents

Timothy Kremer, Executive Director, NYSSBA

12:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm ***Where should the research focus be?***

John Sipple, Cornell University

William Duncombe, Syracuse University

Kent Gardner, Center for Governmental Research

Don Boyd, Rockefeller Institute of Government

2:00pm ***Going through a merger study…District Experiences***

Ed Urbanik, Lyndonville Board of Education

Ernest Virgil, Superintendent Lake Pleasant School District

Douglas Larison, Retired Superintendent

Gerald Macaluso, Retired Superintendent

3:00pm ***Where do we go from here?***

Discussion of priorities for action