Public Sector Structural Reform in K-12 Education 2012-13 Draft Syllabus

FALL Semester

Session #1: Week of Sept. 3, 2012
Introduction, Course Overview and Expectations
Current State of Public K-12 Education in the U.S. and the Role of Bureaucracy in its Failure

Session #2: Week of Sept. 10, 2012
When Bureaucracy and Technology-Based Regulation Work and When They Fail:
Introduction – in General and in Public Education

Session #3: Week of Sept. 17, 2012
Glimpses of the New Private and Public “Learning Organization”

Session #4: Week of Sept. 24, 2012
Glimpses of the New K-12 Learning Organization

Session #5: Week of Oct. 1, 2012
A Deeper Look at the New Pragmatism and its Relation to Learning Organizations

Session #6: Week of Oct. 8, 2012
A Deeper Look at the New Learning Organization, and the Large-Scale Organizational Change Needed to Get There

Session #7: Week of Oct. 15, 2012
Solutions to the Lack of Full Expertise at the Center in General

Session #8: Week of Oct. 22, 2012
Solutions to the Lack of Full Expertise at the Center in Public Education

Session #9: Week of Oct. 29, 2012
Solutions to the Lack of Full Expertise at the Center in Public Education - Inquiry Teams

Session #10: Week of Nov. 5, 2012
The Problem of Hierarchical Control and the Street-Level Bureaucrat, Including the “Craft” Response, in General and in U.S. Public Education

Session #11: Week of Nov. 12, 2012
The Problem of Hierarchical Control, and the “Craft” Response, in Public Education in Denmark and Finland

Session #12: Week of Nov. 19, 2012
The Skilled Generalist: The Role and Skillset of Professionals in Learning Organizations

Session #13: Week of Nov. 26, 2012
Student Project Progress Reports: Thorny Problems Where Experimentalist Theory and Everyday Reality Collide, Part 1

Session #14: Week of Dec. 4, 2012
Summing Up (Semester #1) and Looking Forward (Semester #2)
SPRING Semester

Session #1: Week of Jan. 21, 2013
The Failure of the Unitary, Full-Service Organizations in General and in Public Education

Session #2: Week of Jan. 28, 2013
The Problem of Public Accountability, Including Market- and Performance-Based Responses, in General and in Public Education

Session #3: Week of Feb. 4, 2013
The “Balanced Scorecard” Approach to Public and Internal Accountability in General

Session #4: Week of Feb. 11, 2013
The Role of Qualitative Review in Public Accountability in General

Session #5: Week of Feb. 18, 2013
The Role of Qualitative Review in Public Accountability in Public Education

Session #6: Week of Feb. 25, 2013
Towards a Balanced Scorecard for Evaluating Schools

Session #7: Week of March 4, 2013
Towards a Balanced Score Card for Evaluating Teachers

Session #8: Week of March 11, 2013
The Problem of Leadership, and “New Age” Responses in General and in Public Education

(Spring Break: Week of March 18)

Session #9: Week of March 25, 2013
The Problem of Public Participation and Democracy in Learning Organizations in General

Sessions #10: Weeks of April 1, 2013
The Problem of Public Participation and Democracy in K-12 Learning Organizations

Session #11: Week of April 8, 2013
Student Project Progress Reports: Thorny Problems Where Experimentalist Theory and Everyday Reality Collide, Part 2

Session #12: Week of April 8, 2013
Student Project Progress Reports: Thorny Problems Where Experimentalist Theory and Everyday Reality Collide, Part 2

Session #13: Week of April 25, 2013
Re-envisioning School: The Role of Technology

Session #14: Week of April 29, 2013
Summing Up