

## 26TH ANNUAL SCHOOL CLIENT CONFERENCE

### Seminar

Buffalo, NY  
January 14, 2011  
Event Sponsor: Hodgson Russ

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Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue,  
Cheektowaga, New York  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch at noon  
Cocktail reception at 3:30 p.m.

This seminar is complimentary and exclusive to clients and friends of Hodgson Russ.  
Please register early. Space is limited.

**Who should attend:** Board members, superintendents, business officials, and administrators

Introduction/Overview  
9 – 9:50 a.m.  
Karl W. Kristoff

### Session 1 (choose one program)

1A — Health Care Reform Act  
Michael J. Flanagan and Arthur A. Marrapese III

1B — Effective Fiscal Management and Creative Alternate Funding in Tough Times  
Jeffrey F. Swiatek

1C — Navigating Issues With Student/Staff Relationships  
Lura Hess Bechtel and John J. Christopher

Session 2 (choose one program)  
11 – 11:50 a.m.

### Attorneys

John Alessi  
Ryan Everhart  
Michael Flanagan  
John Godwin  
Karl Kristoff  
Elizabeth McPhail  
Michael Risman  
Jeffrey Stone  
Jeffrey Swiatek

### Practices & Industries

Education

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2A — The First Amendment: New Developments in Employee and Student Speech Rights

John M. Godwin

2B — Employee Relations/Appointments in a Difficult Financial Environment

David A. Farmelo

2C — Update on Discrimination: The Latest News From the Courts and the Regulators

John J. Christopher and Dina L. Allen

Session 3 (choose one program)

3A — APPR: What Schools Should Be Doing Now

John J. Christopher, David A. Farmelo, and Jeffrey F. Swiatek

3B — Financing Projects After EXCEL: Where Do We Go From Here? John A. Alessi and Jeffrey W. Stone

3C — Accommodations in Athletics: How Far Should Schools Go?

Ryan L. Everhart and Dina L. Allen

Session 4 (choose one program)

4A — Cyberbullying: What Districts Can Do

Elizabeth D. Carlson

4B — Defending Real Property Tax Assessment Cases in These Economic Times

Michael B. Risman

4C — Hide and Seek: District Obligations to Locate and Evaluate Students With Disabilities

Ryan L. Everhart and Machael Pelosi Sherry