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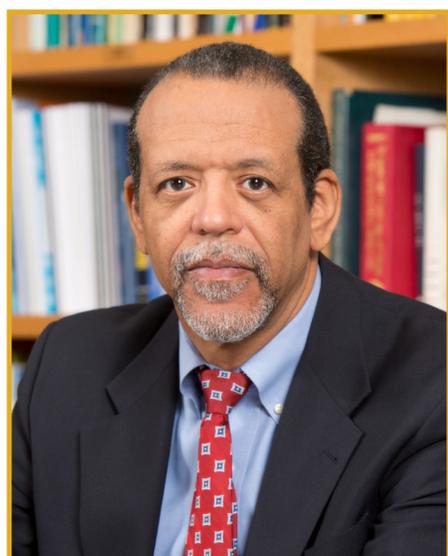
Cooperative Conference for School Administrators



Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Mo. July 28-30

FEATURED SPEAKER - Sunday, July 28

Ronald F. Ferguson



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Ron Ferguson's teaching, consulting and research over more than three decades have focused on reducing economic and educational disparities. He is the creator of the Tripod Project for School Improvement, faculty co-chair and director of the Achievement Gap Initiative (AGI) at Harvard University, and faculty co-director of the Pathways to Prosperity Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has taught at Harvard since 1983.

Dr. Ferguson's recent work has attracted wide attention. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project on Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) found that student perceptions of teaching using Dr. Ferguson's Tripod Project survey tools help to predict learning gains in public school classrooms. His report, *How High Schools Become Exemplary* (available at www.agi.harvard.edu), was featured on the front-page of *The New York Times*. Another report, *Pathways to Prosperity*, has added fuel to the national debate on how to help all youth, not just the college-bound, transition successfully from school to work. His most recent book is *Toward Excellence with Equity: An emerging vision for closing the achievement gap*, published by Harvard Education Press.

Dr. Ferguson earned an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both in economics.

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