

The Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools

Education for the 21st Century

Dr. Robert Barr
Creating High Achieving Schools

October 13, 2009 --7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Bloomington High School North Library

Please join us on October 13th as internationally acclaimed speaker, consultant and scholar, Dr. Robert Barr, will take part in a community conversation about the future of public education in Bloomington. Dr. Barr's innovative programs and research have earned him recognition as an expert on at-risk youth, teacher education and alternative schools. **At this event, Dr. Barr will focus on a shared vision of high achievement for all students and will address the roles of families and community in achieving this goal.**

Dr. Barr began his career in Bloomington more than 30 years ago when he served as the Director of Teacher Education at Indiana University. Since his time in Bloomington, he has continued his research and served as a consultant in school districts in more than 40 states. He has been a guest on numerous television programs including *Firing Line*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, and the ABC evening news. Dr. Barr recently co-authored *The Kids Left Behind: Catching Up the Underachieving Children of Poverty*.

Dr. Barr has spent his career studying schools and communities throughout the county. He will share with us what he has learned about creating highly effective schools despite the obstacles faced by families, schools, and communities. **He will challenge our community to think about what we need to achieve for the benefit of local students.**

For more information, contact Tina Peterson, Executive Director of the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools, at tpeterso@mccsc.edu or visit www.mccsfoundation.org. **Childcare will be provided.**