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# MEDIA ALERT

## U.S. EDUCATION COMMENTATOR DIANE RAVITCH TO ADDRESS ONTARIO TEACHERS' FEDERATION SYMPOSIUM

**Diane Ravitch**, author of *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education* will be the opening keynote speaker at **C4C21 - Creativity, Community, Citizenship and Critical Thinking in the 21st Century**, a symposium sponsored by OTF and its Affiliates—AEFO, ETFO, OECTA and OSSTF—on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto.

The symposium brings together education leaders from every part of the public system—students, parents, classroom teachers, union leaders, school and board administrators, and the Ministry of Education— to examine the way forward in publicly funded education in Ontario.

Also speaking is **Dennis Shirley** who along with Andrew Hargreaves is the co-author of *The Fourth Way: The Inspiring Future for Educational Change* and **Tom Wujec**, a Fellow at Autodesk, the world's leader in 2D & 3D design technology and a recognized thought-leader, and award-winning innovator.

### AGENDA

#### Thursday May 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. **Diane Ravitch**

#### Friday, May 6, 2011

9:00 a.m. **Dennis Shirley**

11:00 a.m. –  
12:00 p.m.

**Panel Presentation: What research is telling us about where we should be going**

- Mélanie Girard, Université de Hearst
- Diane Farmer, OISE/UT
- Carl James, York University

Moderator:

- Annie Kidder, Executive Director, People for Education

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Tom Wujec**

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