



Gaining Ground in the Middle Grades: Why Some Schools Do Better

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AGENDA

3:30: Registration

4:00: Welcome

- Manny Barbara, Vice President, Silicon Valley Education Foundation

4:15: Presentation of Study

- Mike Kirst, Ph. D, Emeritus Professor, Stanford School of Education
- Trish Williams, Executive Director, EdSource

5:05: Round Table Discussion

- Manny Barbara, Vice President, Silicon Valley Education Foundation
- John Fensterwald, Journalist in Residence, Silicon Valley Education Foundation
- Bob Nichols, Education Manager, Silicon Valley Education Foundation

5:15: Questions from Audience

5:50: Closing Remarks

- Manny Barbara, Vice President, Silicon Valley Education Foundation

Thank you to Frank Pisciueneri and Silicon Valley Bank for hosting this forum



SPEAKERS



Trish Williams – Executive Director
EdSource

Trish Williams has served as EdSource’s Executive Director since 1992 and is the project director for the EdSource-Stanford Study, *Gaining Ground in the Middle Grades: Why Some Schools Do Better*. Williams also served as the study project director for the Similar Students and the Similar English Learner Students research projects. Williams served 3 years as a presidential management intern in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and 8 years as a program and policy consultant to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.



Mike Kirst, Ph. D – Emeritus Professor
Stanford School of Education

Michael W. Kirst is Professor Emeritus of Education and Business Administration at Stanford University. He has been on the Stanford faculty since 1969. Before joining Stanford staff, he held several positions with the federal government, including Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Manpower, Employment and Poverty, and Director of Program Planning for the Elementary and Secondary Education of the U.S. Office of Education. He is a former president of the California State Board of Education.



Manny Barbara – Vice President
Silicon Valley Education Foundation

Manny Barbara, former Superintendent of the Oak Grove School District, has been selected four times as Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators, and as Educator of the Year in 2008 by 100 Black Men of Santa Clara County. During his 10 years as superintendent, performance increased for all district student subgroups, including the number of students successfully completing algebra and geometry by the end of 8th grade. He also serves on State Superintendent Jack O’Connell’s P16 Council on closing the achievement gap.

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John Fensterwald – Journalist in Residence
Silicon Valley Education Foundation

John Fensterwald joined SVEF in September 2009. John manages *The Educated Guess*, a forum on education policies in California and Silicon Valley. For 11 years before that, he wrote editorials at the Mercury News in San Jose, with a focus on education. A native of Baltimore and graduate of Tufts University, John worked as a reporter, news editor and opinion editor for three newspapers in New Hampshire for two decades before discovering the wonders of California through a Knight Fellowship at Stanford University in 1997 and heading West shortly thereafter.



Bob Nichols – Education Manager
Silicon Valley Education Foundation

Bob Nichols was a social studies teacher in the Campbell Union High School District for 38 years as well as serving on the Boards of Directors of both the National Education Association and the California Teachers Association. He was a member of the San Jose Mayor's Education Task Force, the Santa Clara County Office of Education Blue Ribbon Task Force and was appointed by the Speaker of the California State Assembly to serve on the No Child Left Behind Implementation Advisory Committee.

Upcoming Events

May 17, 2010: 6:00am – 6:00pm

Sacramento Bus Trip

The bus will depart from Eastridge Mall's parking lot in San Jose

June 7, 2010: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

6th Annual Pioneers & Purpose

Fairmont Hotel, Regency Ballroom

170 South Market Street, San Jose, CA

May 19, 2010: 11:00am – 1:00pm

State Budget Update

Cadence, Building 10

2655 Seely Avenue, San Jose, CA

September 20, 2010: 10:00am – 7:00pm

SVEF | Junior Achievement 21st Annual
Golf Classic

Los Altos Golf & Country Club

1560 Country Club Drive, Los Altos, CA