



**“From No Child Left Behind to Every Child a Graduate:
Connecting Local Priorities to National Opportunities”
*Bay Area Leaders Discuss the Promises of High School Reform***

AGENDA

Friday, July 20, 2007

**First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Wendte Hall
685 14th St., Oakland, CA, 94612**

8:30–9:00 a.m. Registration (Continental breakfast provided)

9:00–9:10 a.m. Opening Remarks

Welcome

Kimberly Thomas Rapp

Director of Law and Public Policy, Equal Justice Society

9:10–11:00 a.m. SESSION ONE: Meeting the Goal of *Every Child a Graduate Prepared for College, Work, and Life*: How are We Doing as a Nation, State, and as a Bay Area Community?

Introductory Keynote

Governor Bob Wise

President, Alliance for Excellent Education

The Bay Area High School Reform Story

Reform leaders in the Oakland, San Francisco, and West Contra Costa Unified School Districts will describe the accomplishments realized thus far in secondary reform, the challenges that remain, and the additional support needed to expand success to all secondary schools in their districts.

LaShawn Routé-Chatmon

Executive Director, Bay Area Coalition of Equitable Schools

Greg Peters

Center Director, San Francisco Coalition of Essential Schools

Wendell Greer

Associate Supt. for Secondary Schools, West Contra Costa Unified School District

Feedback and Response

At their respective tables, participants will have about 10 minutes to react to the speakers' comments in preparation for a broader discussion of the issues raised.

Facilitated Discussion

Ash Vasudeva

Deputy Director, School Redesign Network at Stanford University

The remainder of the discussion time will be reserved for a conversation among all participants. Using the microphones at their tables, participants will discuss and respond to each other with a facilitator assisting as needed. Participants will be encouraged to discuss both the promising elements of high school reform in their communities and the challenges that remain, as well as the internal and external supports and/or pressures that would be most helpful to achieving the goal of *every child a graduate prepared for college, work, and life*. The discussion should touch upon how participants can maintain a dialogue about reform efforts at all levels with an emphasis on the federal level.

11:00–11:15 a.m. Break

11:15–12:25 p.m. SESSION TWO: Working Together to Leverage the Federal Government’s Role in High School Improvement

Opening Comments by Facilitator

What is the federal government’s current role in high school improvement and how might the upcoming reauthorization of NCLB leverage the government’s potential role in supporting/encouraging such reform?

Bethany Little

Vice President for Policy and Federal Advocacy, Alliance for Excellent Education

Panel Discussion

How might an alternate and expanded federal role in supporting high school improvement efforts impact the Oakland, San Francisco, and West Contra Costa Unified School Districts?

David J. Goldberg

Program Manager and Special Counsel, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Angel Luevano

Vice President for the Far West, League of United Latin American Citizens

Cynthia Medina

Coordinator for Bilingual Education, Alameda County Office of Education

Feedback and Response

At their respective tables, participants will have about 10 minutes to react to the speakers’ comments in preparation for a broader discussion of the issues raised.

Facilitated Discussion

The remainder of the discussion time will be reserved for a broad discussion among event participants who will be encouraged to discuss how the federal government could best support the needs and leverage the success of local high school improvement efforts.

12:25–12:30 p.m. Break

12:30–1:40 p.m. Luncheon: NCLB’s Opportunity to Extend the Promise to High School Youth

Overview of Morning Discussion

Bob Wise

President, Alliance for Excellent Education

Introduction of Luncheon Keynote Address Speaker

U.S. Representative Barbara Lee

Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Keynote Address

U.S. Representative George Miller

Chair, Education and Labor Committee

Congressman Miller will share his thoughts about how the federal government can best support local high school reform efforts and about how the No Child Left Behind Act Reauthorization is shaping up to impact high schools.

Audience Q&A

1:40–2:00 p.m. Conclusion and Closing Remarks

Bob Wise

President, Alliance for Excellent Education