



PACE 2019 Annual Conference: Putting Evidence into Action to Advance Equity in California

February 1, 2019 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, Sacramento, California

Speaker List

Opening Keynote Address. Focusing on Equity in California's Schools

- Ed Manansala, County Superintendent of Schools at the El Dorado County Office of Education and President of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

Quality Teaching and Learning in Pre-K Classrooms: What it Takes

Moderator: Lisa Guernsey, Deputy Director, Education Policy Program; and Director, Learning Technologies Project at New America

Panelists:

- Anna Arambula, Fresno Language Project Coach at the Fresno Unified School District
- Beth Meloy, Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst and Co-Lead of the Early Childhood Learning team at the Learning Policy Institute
- Vickie Ramos Harris, Associate Director of Education Policy at the Advancement Project
- Deborah Stipek, Professor at the Stanford Graduate School of Education; Faculty Director at the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford; and Faculty Director of Policy Analysis for California Education

Promising Practices in Local Stakeholder Engagement in School Governance

Moderator: Julie Marsh, Professor of Education Policy at the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California and Faculty Director of Policy Analysis for California Education.

Panelists:

- Beth Higbee, Assistant Superintendent of Education Support Services at the San Bernardino County Office of Education, and Lead of the Community Engagement Initiative for the California Statewide System of Support
- Celia Jaffe, President-elect of the California State PTA
- Danny Kanga, Director of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) at Palmdale School District
- Geordee Mae Corpus, Organizing Director at Californians for Justice



Promising Practices in the Development and Use of Cross-System and Cross-Sector Data Systems

Moderator: Andrea Venezia, Executive Director of the Education Insights Center (EdInsights) and Associate Professor in the Public Policy and Administration Department at California State University, Sacramento

Panelists:

- Noah Bookman, Executive Director of the CORE Data Collaborative
- Simon Kim, Associate Vice President, Research and Sponsored Programs at the California State University Long Beach
- Marcy Lauck, Founder and Co-Director of the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust and Senior Director of Data Governance Strategies at the Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Evan White, Executive Director of the California Policy Lab

Presentation of “Californians and Public Education: Views from the 2019 PACE/USC Rossier Poll.”

- Morgan Polikoff, Associate Professor of Education at the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California

Supporting Continuous Improvement at Scale

Moderator: Alix Gallagher, Director of Research-Practice Partnerships at Policy Analysis for California Education

Panelists:

- Christine Roberts, Staff Development and Curriculum Specialist at the Tulare County Office of Education, and Improvement Specialist for the Central Valley Networked Improvement Community (CVNIC)
- Sujie Shin, Deputy Executive Director at the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence
- Yee Yang, Principal of Caroline Wenzel Elementary, Sacramento City Unified School District



Approaches to Reducing Chronic Absenteeism

Moderator: Heather Hough, Executive Director at Policy Analysis for California Education

Panelists:

- Hedy Chang, Executive Director of Attendance Works,
- Cecelia Colchio, student lead in the Be Here Campaign, Sacramento City Unified School District
- Michael Gottfried, Associate Professor at the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UC Santa Barbara
- Kathy Lee, Coordinator of Instructional Support at the Corona-Norco Unified School District
- Kiarah Young, student lead in the Be Here Campaign, Sacramento City Unified School District

Empowering the Intersegmental Agenda: Opportunities for Advancing Research & Policy at the State, Regional and Local Level

Moderator: Michal Kurlaender, Professor of Education Policy at the University of California, Davis and Faculty Director at Policy Analysis for California Education

Panelists:

- Elisha Smith Arrillaga, Interim Co-Executive Director of EdTrust-West, and Former Director at the Career Ladders Project at the Foundation for California Community Colleges
- Cecilia Rios-Aguilar, Associate Professor of Education and Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies; and Faculty Director of Policy Analysis for California Education
- Joel Vargas, Vice President, JFF

Closing Keynote Address. The California Story: the history of the state's education policies, current conditions, and paths forward for California schools.

- Linda Darling-Hammond, President and CEO of the Learning Policy Institute and the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University.