



A LOOK AT LEARNING

*Building a Comprehensive System for
Increasing English Learners' Academic Achievement*

A.L.L. Showcase **April 26, 2011**

Purposes:

- Learn about a comprehensive approach that builds teacher efficacy in implementing research-based instructional practices focused on student learning
- Build county, district and site capacity to implement *A Look at Learning*
- Celebrate *A Look at Learning* teachers, leaders and collaborators who have demonstrated their commitment to maximize the English language acquisition and academic achievement of all English learners

Schedule of Events

| Time | Event | Location |
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| 2:30 p.m. | Registration | |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Gallery Walk of Poster Presentations | San José/East Side Room |
| 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. | Keynote | San José/East Side Room |
| 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. | Recognition by Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools | San José/East Side Room |
| 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Gallery Walk of Poster Presentations | San José/East Side Room |
| 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Featured Presentations | |

Poster Presentation Teams

| County | School District | County | School District | County | School District |
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| San Benito Team 1 3:15 – 3:30 3:30 – 3:45 5:30 – 5:45 | San Benito High School District Leads: JoAnne Kaplansky and Liz Talbot Carissa Alvarez Sharon Brown Vera Gomes Amy Henneman Kylee Waterman | Santa Clara Team 5 3:15 – 3:30 3:45 – 4:00 5:45 – 6:00 | Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Linda Vista Elementary School Leads: Caroline Kang and Alma Torres Eleanor Vade Bon Coeur Jennifer Claverie Rene Michel Sabrina Rayborn Elaine Shankar | Santa Clara Team 10 3:00 – 3:15 5:45 – 6:00 | Mount Pleasant Elementary School District Lead: Elida MacArthur Peggy Charlesworth Mariel Nunez Victoria Olsen Connie Stiff Ashley Tetzlaff Regina Walter |
| San Joaquin Team 2 3:45 – 4:00 5:30 – 5:45 | San Joaquin County Office of Education Lead: Mark Condit Janine Cuaresma Wendy Frink Kristen Hodge Tammy Voss | Santa Clara Team 6 3:30 – 3:45 5:45 – 6:00 | Alum Rock Union Elementary School District George Middle School Lead: Barbara Campbell Heather Wellendorf Kelly Wylie | Santa Clara Team 11 3:15 – 3:30 3:45 – 4:00 | Oak Grove School District Lead: Karin Mendoza Marna Ledesma Joyce Millner Susan Wright |
| Santa Clara Team 3 3:15 – 3:30 3:30 – 3:45 | Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Team Lead: Maria McCray Nora Guerra Sharon DeAngelo Tom Green, Ed.D. | Santa Clara Team 7 3:15 – 3:30 3:30 – 3:45 5:30 – 5:45 | Campbell Union School District Lead: Chelsea Toller Ruth Bareket, Ed.D. Debi Bodenheimer Sharon Weight | Santa Clara Team 12 3:00 – 3:15 3:30 – 3:45 | Saratoga Union School District Lead: Beth Polito, Ed.D. Gretchen James Julie Paolini |
| Santa Clara Team 4 3:00 – 3:15 3:45 – 4:00 5:45 – 6:00 | Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Dorsa Elementary School Lead: Alexia Lopez Claudia L. Cadenas Diane M. Coulson | Santa Clara Team 8 3:45 – 4:00 | East Side Union High School District Lead: Nguyet Dinh | Stanislaus Team 13 3:15 – 3:30 3:30 – 3:45 | Patterson Joint Unified School District Kathy Pon |
| | | Santa Clara Team 9 3:00 – 3:15 5:30 – 5:45 | Moreland School District Lead: Heather Scharer Josie Silva Maria Kinney | Yolo Team 14 3:45 – 4:00 5:30 – 5:45 | Davis Joint Unified School District Leads: Kelly Wilkerson and Mary Khan Tom McHale |
| | | | | Yolo Team 15 3:00 – 3:15 3:30 – 3:45 5:45 – 6:00 | Woodland Joint Unified School District Lead: Edgar Lampkin, Ed.D. Elodia Lampkin Maria Orozco Lonny Villalobos |

Handouts for the storyboards and featured session presentations can be accessed at <http://alookatlearning.org>.

Keynote

Andrea Whittaker, Ph.D., Stanford University

Why Teacher Leadership Matters: Learning from Practice and Research

Changes in the world have brought to schools tremendous challenges, which are leading to unprecedented changes in teaching and learning. Scholars advise that educational change includes making teaching a public endeavor and making improved learning a focus of teachers and communities working together. Teacher leaders are on the forefront of learning to lead collaborative projects such as *A Look at Learning* throughout the educational community. We are learning not only the critical value of teacher leadership, but also the importance of providing the organizational resources and building the collaborative relationships needed to accomplish important school reform.

Session Descriptions/Locations

Featured Presentations

Session 1
Gilroy Room

***A Comprehensive Coaching Framework*, Ruth Bareket, Ed.D., Chelsea Toller and Annemarie Murphy, Campbell Union School District, Santa Clara County**

The presenters will share the district's two-year journey to create a coaching structure to support teachers in implementing research-based practices. They will describe how the coaching structure has evolved to meet English learners' needs with the focus on equity. Details about using *A Look at Learning* observation tools will be shared.

Session 2
Board Room

***From Good to Great*, Beth Polito, Ed.D., Julie Paolini and Gretchen James, Saratoga Union School District, Santa Clara County**

Saratoga Union School District has the highest Academic Performance Index (API) in the state. Yet the district strongly believes in meeting the needs of all its students. In 2009-10, the district started a pilot collaborative team with teacher volunteers in an Action Research Project. As a result of positive student performance gains and effective teacher collaboration displayed in the Action Research Project, the district embarked on a journey to establish collaborative teams with teacher facilitators to implement research-based practices with a focus on student learning that has improved district and schools' instructional leadership capacity.

Session 3
Milpitas Room

***Building Sustainable District and Site Leadership Capacity*, Kathy Pon, Patterson Joint Unified School District, Stanislaus County**

Patterson Joint Unified School District has successfully built a coaching system that has led to establishing demonstration classrooms with teachers who regularly reflect on their practice. *A Look at Learning* has been implemented in schools. Teachers are engaged in collaborative planning and peer observation. District leaders have built a coaching team that sustains district and site teacher leader capacity.

Session 4
Oak Grove Room

***Building SUCCESS for Alternative Education*, Mark Condit, San Joaquin County Office of Education, San Joaquin County**

The Alternative Education Department at the San Joaquin County Office of Education has built a highly functional and committed team of teachers that sets clear goals to focus on English Language Development (ELD) standards and raise English learners' scores on the California English Language Development (CELDT) test. By targeting focal students, this team of teachers has begun to build teacher and student reflection into its instructional routines through the use of content and language objectives.

Session 5
**San José/
East Side Room**

***Leadership Matters*, Linda J. Carstens, Ph.D., Stanford University, and Bill Conrad, Ed.D., Santa Clara County Office of Education**

A Look at Learning is a comprehensive system to support English learners' academic achievement. It takes courageous leaders to embark on such multi-year journeys that lead district and school teams to continuous improvement efforts. This session will articulate purposes and important leadership tenets for beginning new initiatives to improve English learner instruction and achievement.

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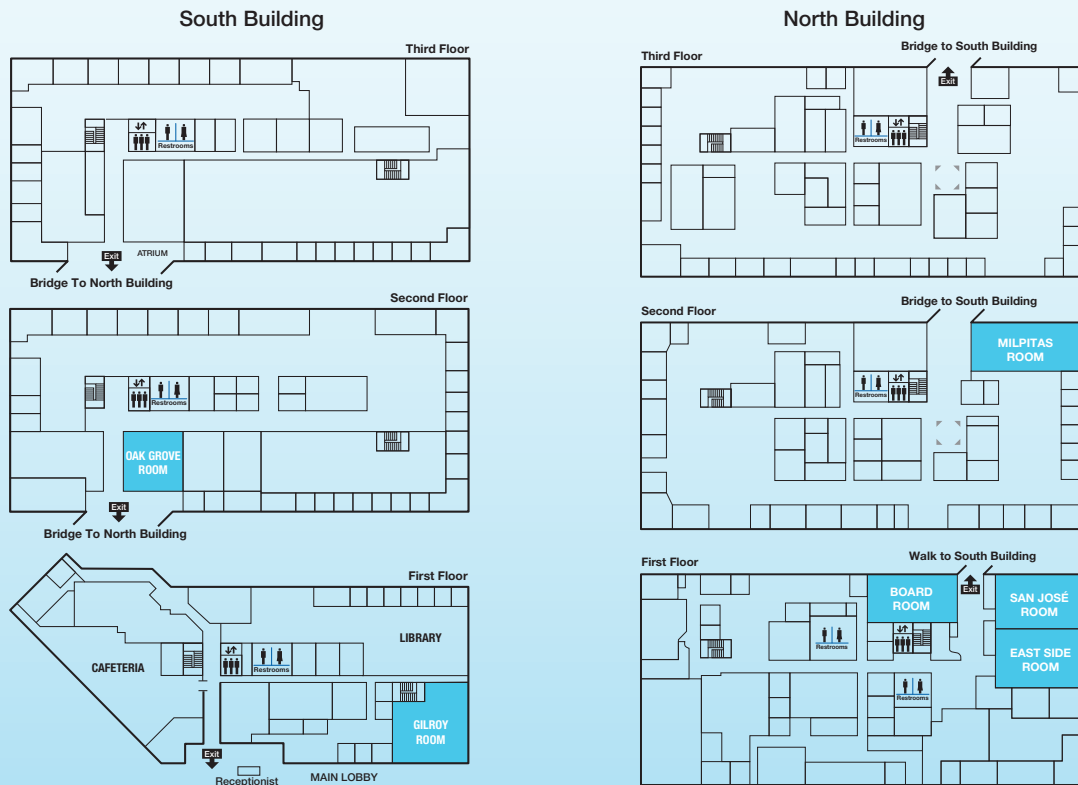
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