



Celebrating Educational Excellence -- Statewide Event Fetes Leading Educators

May 24, 2007

A gala event to celebrate the accomplishments of California's districts, schools, educators, and students is being held on the evening of May 30th at the Design Center Galleria in San Francisco. This annual event is put on by Springboard Schools to emphasize the good news in education in California.

This year, Springboard Schools will recognize three organizations or people who exemplify good educational systems and who have made successful efforts to improve the schools and districts in which they work.

The schools and districts being recognized at the Annual Gala are not wealthy - in fact, they have large populations of students learning English and with low family incomes. Where these schools and districts are rich is in their dedicated education leaders who are determined that every student in every school has a successful school career, and is ready for college or the workplace upon graduation.

The annual Gala, hosted by Ysabel Duron, KRON 4 news anchor, will include cocktails, a dinner, and entertainment by the Healdsburg High School Jazz Band. The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Sandra Hernandez, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation.**

This year's honorees include:

- Superintendent Jane Russo, Santa Ana Unified School District
- Lodi Unified School District
- Roosevelt High School, Fresno Unified School District

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About Springboard Schools

Springboard Schools is a California-based nonprofit and non-partisan network of educators committed to raising student achievement and narrowing the achievement gap. Springboard Schools was founded in 1995 as the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC). Last year alone, Springboard Schools worked with 85 districts in Northern California, the Central Valley, and Southern California, and impacted more than a million California public school students.