



# Revitalizing Public Education in California

## Navigating Challenges, Seizing Opportunities

Thursday, January 25, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sacramento Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:10 a.m. <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Welcome</b> Heather Hough, Executive Director, PACE, Stanford University (@hjrough / @edpolicyinca)
9:10 – 10:00 a.m. <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Opening Plenary – State of the System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joseph Bishop</b>, Executive Director, UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools (@joepbishop / @ctschoolscla)</li> <li>• <b>Edgar Cabral</b>, Deputy Legislative Analyst—K-12 Education, California Legislative Analyst’s Office (@LAO_CA)</li> <li>• <b>Carl Cohn</b>, Professor Emeritus, Claremont Graduate University School of Educational Studies (@carlcohn / @CGU_SES)</li> <li>• <b>Lucrecia Santibañez</b>, Co-Faculty Director, UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools; Professor of Education, UCLA School of Education &amp; Information (@lucasantibanez / @uclagseis)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Break and Transition</b>
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Breakout #1 (choose one)</b>
<b>Breakout #1a</b> <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Building Systems to Support High Quality Teaching and Learning</b> Moderator: <b>Heather Hough</b> , Executive Director, PACE, Stanford University (@hjrough / @edpolicyinca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Benjamin W. Cottingham</b>, Associate Director, Strategic Partnerships, PACE, Stanford University (@BenWCott / @edpolicyinca)</li> <li>• <b>Adalberto Hernandez</b>, Principal, George Washington Elementary School, Madera Unified School District (@MUnified)</li> <li>• <b>Gustavo Morales</b>, Director, California Labor Management Initiative (@CDEFoundation)</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout #1b</b> <i>East Meeting Room</i>	<b>Addressing the Challenge of Postpandemic District Leadership</b> Moderator: <b>Julie Marsh</b> , Faculty Director, PACE, and Professor of Education Policy, USC Rossier School of Education (@julieamarsh / @USCRossier) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carl Cohn</b>, Professor Emeritus, Claremont Graduate University School of Educational Studies (@carlcohn / @CGU_SES)</li> <li>• <b>Jennifer Perry Cheatham</b>, Senior Lecturer and Co-chair of the Public Education Leadership Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education (@JenCheatham1 / @hgse)</li> <li>• <b>Rachel S. White</b>, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Tennessee (@ImRachelWhite / @UTKCEHHS)</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout #1c</b> <i>West Meeting Room</i>	<b>The Transformative Power of Generative AI in Education</b> Moderator: <b>Alix Gallagher</b> , Director, Strategic Partnerships, PACE, Stanford University (@AGallagher14 / @edpolicyinca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jerry Almendarez</b>, Superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District; Board member, CORE Districts (@JerryAlmendarez / @SantaAnaUSD)</li> <li>• <b>Chris Piech</b>, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Education, Stanford University (@chrspiach / @StanfordEd)</li> <li>• <b>Pam Vachatimanont</b>, Director, Partnerships &amp; Operations, Code.org (@justpamlearning / @codeorg)</li> </ul>

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Tyrone Howard</b> , Pritzker Family Endowed Chair, School of Education & Information Studies; Director, Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families; and Co-Faculty Director, Center for the Transformation of Schools at the University of California, Los Angeles   President, American Educational Research Association (@TyroneCHoward / @uclaseis / @AERA_EdResearch)
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Break and Transition</b>
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Breakout #2 (choose one)</b>
<b>Breakout #2a</b> <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Improving Student Attendance and Engagement</b> Moderator: <b>Jeannie Myung</b> , Director of Policy Research, PACE, Stanford University (@aedpolicyinca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>James Bridgeforth</b>, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Community Schools Learning Exchange (@jcbridgeforth / @CommSchoolsLX)</li> <li>• <b>Hedy Chang</b>, Executive Director, Attendance Works (@attendanceworks)</li> <li>• <b>Jessica Gunderson</b>, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Partnership for Children and Youth (@jgundy14 / @partnr4childrn)</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout #2b</b> <i>East Meeting Room</i>	<b>Leveraging State Investments for High School Transformation</b> Moderator: <b>Sherrie Reed</b> , Executive Director, California Education Lab, University of California, Davis (@SherrieReed5 / @UCDEducation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roneeta Guha</b>, Principal, Education First (@RoneetaGuha / @ed1stconsulting)</li> <li>• <b>Alexandria Hurtt</b>, Research Fellow, California Education Lab, University of California, Davis (@UCDEducation)</li> <li>• <b>Michal Kurlaender</b>, Faculty Director, PACE and Professor of Education Policy, University of California, Davis (@mkurlaender / @UCDEducation)</li> <li>• <b>Mark LeNoir</b>, Assistant Superintendent, Val Verde Unified School District (@mark_lenoir / @ValVerdeUSD)</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout #2c</b> <i>West Meeting Room</i>	<b>Improvement and Innovation in Early Learning</b> Moderator: <b>Benjamin W. Cottingham</b> , Associate Director, Strategic Partnerships, PACE, Stanford University (@BenWCott / @aedpolicyinca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alix Gallagher</b>, Director, Strategic Partnerships, PACE, Stanford University (@AGallagher14 / @aedpolicyinca)</li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Kloos</b>, Executive Director of Elementary Education, San Rafael City Schools (@SRCSSchools)</li> <li>• <b>Cresta McIntosh</b>, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (@CrestaMcIntosh / @mpusdway)</li> </ul>
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Break and Transition</b>
3:00 – 3:55 p.m. <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Closing Plenary – Balancing State and Local Control in Education</b> Debaters: <b>Leland High School Debate Team</b> , San José Unified School District (@SanJoseUnified): <b>Claire Chen</b> ; <b>Aralyn Connolly</b> ; <b>Ameya Kiwalkar</b> ; <b>Allen Liu</b> ; <b>Steven Rapp</b> ; <b>Kiana Shah</b> With expert panelists: <b>Brooks Allen</b> , Executive Director, California State Board of Education and Education Policy Advisor, Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom (@brooksmallen / @CAGovernor); <b>Samantha Tran</b> , Founder and Executive Director, California Policy Collaborative (@samdtran)
3:55 – 4:00 p.m. <i>Galleria</i>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Heather Hough</b> , Executive Director, PACE, Stanford University (@hjrough / @aedpolicyinca)



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