

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
CAROL LIU, CHAIR**

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BRIEFING

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

2:30-4:30 p.m.

California State Capitol, Hearing Room 3191

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - Senator Carol Liu

- II. The Imperative of Cross-Agency Collaboration: Increasing Effectiveness with Public Resources**
 - Jim Mayer, President/CEO, California Forward

- III. Overview of Community Schools**
 - Robert Mahaffey, Steering Committee Vice Chair, Coalition for Community Schools
 - National overview of Community Schools movement

 - Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, John Gardner Center, Stanford University
 - Community Schools as an operating model for school reform
 - Community Schools from an equity perspective and connections to select committees

 - Shelly Masur, President, Redwood City School District
 - Organizing local public agencies for collaboration – results, lessons learned, scaling up

- IV. Community School Partnerships in Action**
 - Brian Nelson, Special Assistant Attorney General
 - IN SCHOOL + ON TRACK report on California's Elementary School Truancy & Absenteeism Crisis. Report overview, policy recommendations and next steps

 - Mercy Santoro, Human Services Director, City of Pasadena
 - Pasadena School City Work plan; a model for aligning services

 - Serena Clayton, Executive Director, California School Health Centers Association
 - School-based health; opportunities and obstacles; policy recommendations.

- Collaboration issues with counties, Federally Qualified Health Centers and non-profits.
- Robert Mahaffey, the Rural School and Community Trust
 - Policy implications for rural schools
- Lake County Superintendent Wally Holbrook &
- Joan Reynolds, Healthy Start Director, Lake County Office of Education
 - The impact of Community Schools in rural communities
- Superintendent Debra Lindo, Emery School District
 - Facilities and joint use policy issues in Community Schools partnerships
- Whitney Staniford, California Dept. of Education, Legislative Rep. for Office of SPI
 - Community Schools overview; SPI Torlakson's Blueprint for Great Schools – CDE staff

V. CCS Partnership Community Schools Toolkit

- Yvonne Hunter, Program Director, Cities, Counties, Schools Partnership
- Randi Kay Stephens, Program Manager, Cities, Counties, Schools Partnership

VI. Impressions from Pathways to Partnership: Community Schools in Action

- Observations from participants of Senator Liu's Community Schools tour

VII. Discussion, Questions and Next Steps

VIII. Public Comment