

November 6, 2015

Dear Educational Community Members:

We represent a diverse group of California educators, school board members, school business officials, superintendents, parents, and civil rights groups dedicated to ensuring all students, regardless of race, income, language, or zip code, graduate college and career ready.

Today we officially launch *the California Equity Leadership Alliance*, an action-oriented group committed to the educational success of all California students. Our efforts support the educational success of Latino, African American, Asian Pacific Islander and English Language Learner students as well as at-risk, low income and students with disabilities.

Our charge is to provide bold leadership and direction by working diligently to promote policies and practices that eliminate opportunity, access, and achievement gaps throughout the state. We believe that a steadfast focus on equity and results offers all of California's six million students the best chance to graduate prepared for college, a career, leadership, and life.

Our objective is to ensure effective and equitable implementation of California's policy initiatives including, but not limited to, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the California state content standards, and the redesign of the state's accountability system. Members of *California Equity Leadership Alliance* will also foster equity by promoting diversity within California's educational workforce so that it better reflects the demographics of the student populations served across the state.

We look forward to continuing to work with California's educators, administrators, families, and communities to support teaching and learning so that the aspirations of all our students are fully realized.

Sincerely,

Wes Smith
Executive Director
Association of California School Administrators

Ryan J. Smith
Executive Director
The Education Trust–West

Dwight Bonds
Executive Director
California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators

David Verdugo
Executive Director
California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators

Molly Magee Hewitt
Executive Director
California Association of School Business Officials

Peter Birdsall
Executive Director
California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

Vernon Billy
Executive Director
California School Boards Association

Sherry Griffith
Executive Director
California State PTA