

KICKOFF SPEAKER

Dr. Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D. Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Joseph A. Ovick is County Superintendent of Schools. He administers all County Office of Education programs and facilitates cooperation among schools, colleges, universities, government and community organizations. He is responsible for monitoring and approving all school district budgets. In addition, he serves as an advocate for education with the legislature and the public.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla

Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla was elected in November 2010 and represents California's 11th Assembly District, which comprises the northern portion of Contra Costa County (County). She currently is the Chairwoman of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 on Education Finance where she is focused on renewing California's commitment to high quality K-12 and higher education. Her legislative priorities include improving our educational system, fostering economic development and job creation, improving access to health care, and rebuilding California's transportation system. She previously served on the County Board of Supervisors, representing the County's 4th District. Prior to serving as a public official, Bonilla worked as a high school English teacher in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff

Elected in January 2011 as Supervisor, Contra Costa County, District IV, Supervisor Mitchoff previously served on the Pleasant Hill City Council from 2008 to 2010, on other Pleasant Hill Boards, including the Planning Commission, where she served as Chair in 1995. Previously, she served as Chief of Staff for former Supervisors Sunne Wright McPeak and Mark DeSaulnier and Executive Secretary for former Sheriff-Coroner Richard Rainey.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover

Supervisor Glover has served District 5 residents on the Board of Supervisors since 2000. A lifelong resident of Pittsburg; he attended San Francisco State University, worked for POSCO and Dow Chemical. He has initiated and paved the road to: Increase funding for citywide neighborhood revitalization; Mayor's Forum; Pittsburg Power Company; Funding for Highway 4 improvement; Consolidating 3 rural fire districts; Dispensing Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Funds; Safety improvements to Vasco Road, Phasing of North Broadway Infrastructure, Vessel Ordinance; Urban Limit Line; Annual County Youth Summit; AIDS/HIV Task Force; Faith Initiative - Gang Task Force & Renters' Ordinance.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PANELIST MODERATOR

Dr. Lakita Long, Founder and Director of GirlTalk

Dr. Long is a master presenter, trainer, and therapist who was selected by Georgetown University to participate in the Georgetown Leadership Academy for Reducing Mental Health Disparities (2010), and in (2008) was invited to present at the Georgetown Training Institute on: **How to improve the resiliency amongst African American clients and their families while they are in the systems** and she incorporated the various levels of engagement and why the cultural competence of working with these types of families are crucial across the systems of care. Dr. Long started **GirlTalk Conferences** in 2008, which allows girls ages 8 to 21 years old learn how to positively speak their truth and change their life. This conference has serviced more than 2000 girls and the women that support them. In addition to hosting the GirlTalk Conferences every year, she is a mental health expert, providing mental health services since 2000. She has a strength and expertise in working with at-risk youth, adults and families. Expert on topics of depression, girl/women issues, behavioral management, trauma, sexual abuse, anger, domestic violence, and workforce development issues.

BULLYING AND CYBER BULLYING PRESENTATION

Sallyann Berendsen, AAUW County of Napa Branch

Sallyann Berendsen is a retired teacher with 34 years of experience in K-12 education. She was Director of Computer Education and Mathematics Department Chair at Far Hills Country Day School in New Jersey. She is a past president of the Napa County, California Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women.) The Bullying and Cyber bullying Task Force began in 2008 and has given over 20 presentations. They have received recognition at both the State and National levels of AAUW. She has forged a coalition with the Napa County Unified School District to address these critical issues.

Jeff Stanton, Detective, Antioch Police Department

Detective Jeff Stanton has been with the Antioch Police Department for the past nine years. Detective Stanton is currently assigned as a high tech crime detective and is tasked with computer forensics, cell phone data recovery, and other internet crimes. Detective Stanton has also held the duties of a School Resource Officer and received the medal of valor in 2007 from the Antioch Police Department.

PANELISTS

Jeff Stanton, Detective, Antioch Police Department (See above)

Debra Vinson, Violence Prevention

Debra Vinson is a Parent Educator/Facilitator, for Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). Ms. Vinson has worked in this capacity and has been a coach and consultant for over six years for OUSD. Debra's leadership and development skills have been instrumental in implementing the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum in the classroom and in the community with parents. Debra has provided personal coaching and training to teachers and school personnel in various positions with a focus on school climate and bullying prevention. Debra has also trained various professionals in non-profit settings all over the Bay Area.

Crystal Shaw, Assistant Principal, Heritage High School

Crystal Shaw has been in education for the past 11 years. She is a member of the Association of California School Administrators and serves on the Region 6 executive board. When she was teaching, she taught, Art and Career Tech. classes. She has been an Assistant Principal for the past five years.

CASE STUDY

Student, Student's mother, Jo Carson, Vice President Mt. Diablo Education Association, and Debra Rosa, Teacher