

## **Point Loma Cluster Schools**

Rethinking Our Schools Is Charter a Better Way?

Date / Time February 2, 2011 6pm to 8pm

Location Barnes Tennis Center 4490 W. Point Loma Blvd San Diego, CA 92107

Hosted By Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation

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RSVP Online http://plcluster.eventbrite.com Education is the social justice issue of this century. 67% of US citizens believe we have a crises in education. Reform conversations are occurring at a rapid pace throughout the US. President Obama says money without reform will not fix the problem. Nationally, 32 states have already changed laws to support reform to create better schools. Despite improvement of cluster schools, 3 out of 10 students are not proficient in English Language Arts and Math.

For the past 12 months the Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation (PLCSF) has reached out to stakeholders hosting community outreach forums and sending out cluster wide survey to hear your voice. A common theme from our community regarding our cluster schools has been control of budget and programs, accountability, teacher evaluation, data driven decision making, hiring flexibility at school sites, engaging / relevant curriculum, paced / personalized learning environments, de-tracking of students, stability of leadership and flexible / adaptive schools. >>> <u>Click Here To Learn More</u>.

The Point Loma Cluster Schools Foundation invites you to a community dialogue. Get involved, hear from our great panel, learn more about our cluster schools and have your voice heard! <u>Blog us</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

## We are excited to have the following panel of educational leaders to discuss innovation and educational best practices. Panel discussion followed question and answers.



**Paula A. Cordeiro** is the Dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego. Cordeiro is a former teacher, principal and school head in international schools in Venezuela and Spain. She is a past president of the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA). Paula has published three books and recently finished the fourth edition of her co-authored text (An Introduction to Educational Leadership: A Bridge to Improved Practice. Paula's research is in the areas of school leadership, somatic learning and global education.



**Ben Austin** is the Executive Director of Parent Revolution since and serves as a member of the California State Board of Education. Ben has also served as a Deputy Mayor under Mayor Richard Riordan from 2000-01, as well as Senior Advisor to First 5 California from 2002-2006, where he helped create LA Universal Preschool that serves 10,000 low-income children. Ben also served as the Communications Director for the 2000 Democratic National Convention and served in the Clinton White House in a variety of roles between 1994-1999. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Georgetown Law School.



**Larry Rosenstock** is the founding principal of High Tech High. He taught carpentry for 11 years after law school in urban high schools in Boston. He served as staff attorney for two years at the Harvard Center for Law and Education, and was a lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education for five years. Larry was principal of the Rindge School of Technical Arts, and the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. He directed the federal New Urban High School Project, was president of the Price Charitable Fund. Larry's program, "CityWorks", won the Ford Foundation Innovations Award in 1992.