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JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING

*TEACHING METHODOLOGIES*

February 27, 2002

1:30pm, California State Capitol, Room 4202

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**OPENING REMARKS: ASSMEBLYMEMBER VIRGINIA STROM-MARTIN**

**SEGMENT I: TEACHING METHODOLOGIES SUPPORTED BY THE AMERICAN SPORTS INSTITUTE**

- A. **JOEL KIRSCH**, President, American Sports Institute. Introduction and overview.
- B. **GEORGE LEONARD**, President, Esalen Institute, social theorist. Expertise: The interrelationship of mental and physical processes, especially as they relate to learning, and educational reform.
- C. **DR. DAVID SHERNOFF**, Research Associate, Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Expertise: Creating mental *flow states* for students to maximize their ability to learn.
- D. **DR. BARBARA MCCOMBS**, Senior Research Scientist in Human Motivation, Learning, and Development at the University of Denver Research Institute, and a former researcher at the Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL). Expertise: Learner-centered principles, practices, and evaluation in education.
- E. **DR. TIM BYERS**, Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control, University of Colorado Cancer Center, Co-chair, Epidemiology Committee for upcoming report on obesity, physical activity, and cancer, International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organization. Expertise: Nutrition, physical activity and the health status of school children as they relate to learning and the development of chronic diseases.
- F. **SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:**
  - Sandre Leigh**, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, San Francisco
  - Vincent Matthews**, Edison Charter School, San Francisco
  - Evan Smith**, Coulterville-Greeley School, San Francisco
- G. **SCHOOL TEACHERS:**
  - Herb Blanchard**, McAteer High School, San Francisco
  - Verna Castro**, International Studies Academy, San Francisco
  - Peter Donoff**, White Hill Middle School, Fairfax



**John Goulding**, James Logan High School, Union City  
**Glenn Castro, Guadalupe Pena, Edith Jordan**, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy  
**Susan Katz**, Gallinas School

**H. STUDENTS:**

**Jazmin Avery, Nikki Lacross, Miguel Rodriguez**, Cooley Middle School  
**Rampi Gulati**, Tamalpais High School (graduate)

**I. JOEL KIRSCH**, President, American Sports Institute. Closing Remarks.

**SEGMENT II: OVERVIEW OF TEACHER TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

**A. LEYNE MILSTEIN**, Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

**B. KATHRYN SCOTT**, University of California, Berkeley

**C. SARA RAMIREZ**, California State University

**D. BILL VASEY**, California State Department of Education

**E. VERONICA VILLALOBOS**, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

**SEGMENT III: EFFECTS OF HIGH STAKES TESTING ON TEACHING METHODOLOGIES**

**A. KILEY SYMONDS**, Policy Director, Bay Area School Reform Collaborative

**B. ELIZABETH SULLIVAN**, Fresno County Office of Education

**C. WAYNE JOHNSON**, President, California Teachers Association

**D. DR. SUSAN HARMAN**, California Coalition for Authentic Reform in Education (CalCARE)

**E. DENNIS HANSON**, Principal/Superintendent, Fortuna High School

**F. THOMAS GRIFFIN**, Teacher, Casa Grande High School

**G. LYSA TABACHNICK**, School Voices

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**