

November Calendar

- Kings Canyon Site Reviews 12/1-18
- Wasco Review (Palm Avenue) 12/2
- SB 472 Trainer of Trainers (Houghton Mifflin) 12/3-5
- Central District Review 12/8
- Wasco Review (Thomas Jefferson) 12/9
- CVLN So. Valley 12/9
- CV Regional PLC 12/10
- Wasco Review (Karl F. Clemons) 12/12

Reminder:

Please check your Springboard e-mail regularly

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The Central Valley Leadership Network: “The Spirit of the Valley”

The Central Valley Leadership Network (CVLN) is a partnership between Springboard Schools and Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute to provide a network of educational leaders in service to students in the valley. The first of a series of four seminars was held for the North Valley cohort on October 22, 2008. Over 65 educational leaders representing 9 districts led by their superintendent deeply engaged in this important work. The South Valley cohort will launch its first of the series on December 9th.

The purpose of the network is to provide targeted professional development and follow up to Central Valley districts in order to build the capacity of educators at all levels of the system to increase student achievement and narrow the achievement gap. The network design includes:

- new and cutting edge content and actionable, practice-based research from a partnership of the Stupski Foundation and Springboard Schools with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Through this significant body of research, the fourth-fold of the Springboard Theory of Action, the Leadership Systems, evolved and a body of knowledge that offers a complex theory of equity-based district reform and a common set of high leverage practices and actions.

- facilitated leadership team discussion and planning time.

- follow-up on-site facilitation and coaching. The focus of this work has been understanding and using the Leadership Systems Cycle as the frame or improvement approach, applying the elements of the Leadership Systems Cycle to define and implement a high-quality in-

structional core and building capacity and coherence across all levels of the system.

District support, communication and extended learning is being enhanced through the development of a CVLN Website which addresses three primary areas: 1) Library of Resources, 2) Discussion Boards, and 3) Ask Springboard Schools.

The CVLN is a unique model of research to practice with districts supported by a network of skilled facilitators and coaches collectively focused on eliminating the achievement gap and improving the learning and lives of valley students. These dedicated district leadership teams and their coaches focus on...

- Systems improvement
- People improvement
- Continuous improvement.



Happy Holidays!

