

## **News Release**

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### ***East Side Board President Appointed to State Joint Committee on Education***

East Side Union High School District's Board President Craig Mann was recently appointed to the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan - Kindergarten through University.

This Joint Committee, chaired by Senator Dede Alpert, was established by the legislature in 1999 to develop a plan that addresses California's vision for education. Ultimately the document would guide the development and maintenance of a cohesive system of first-rate schools, colleges and universities that prepares all students for transition to and success in the next level of education, the workforce and general society. The system would also be responsive to the changing needs of the state and its people.

There are seven working focus groups comprised of practitioners, researchers and other stakeholders. President Mann has been appointed to the Workforce Preparation and Business Linkages Strategic Planning Group. Their charge is to create a comprehensive and coherent system of workforce preparation programs in K/12-university that embraces statewide standards. Their work would guide the development of an educational system that prepares students for employment while providing them with a quality education. This group is also developing strategies that hold the system accountable for responding to the demands of the labor force.

Mann participated in his first meeting this week and discussed the opportunity and the challenges of developing a new direction for education. "The requirement for the working groups and the legislature to think differently than they ever have before can be articulated in a quote that was shared with us on day one. 'No problem can be solved from the same consciousness that created it' (Albert Einstein). The task is daunting, but I'm confident that the final product will be exciting and visionary."

Other working groups are addressing Student Learning, Governance, Finance and Facilities, Professional Development, Alternative Modes of Delivery and School Readiness. The group are scheduled to complete their work during 2001.

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