# STUDENT ACCELERATION SUMM

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

OMNI HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CA









#### 10:00AM-10:30AM: Welcome Address

The Summit opens with Dr. Paul Gothold and Dr. Judy White sharing their unique perspectives on the challenges, opportunities, and potential unintended consequences of how we respond to the current state of student achievement. Hear from two of the most respected education leaders in California as they help us think about the current conditions and provide an important call-to-action.

### 10:30AM-12:00PM: Acceleration Clinic 1 - The Acceleration Formula: What is it and how do we do it?

In this 90 minute interactive clinic, Dr. Robin Avelar La Salle will share the model and methodology for maximizing student achievement growth. The "Acceleration Formula" integrates technical specifications taken from research on high-dosage tutoring with practical, on-the-ground considerations. The design sets a clear bar for schools and districts committed to shattering systemic inequities and dramatically improving achievement for historically struggling students.

# 12:15PM-1:00PM: Lunch and Learn - How Is This Possible? Where is the Pipeline of Qualified Talent for Future **Generations?**

Join industry partner, Anthony Padilla, a Senior Engineer at Northrop-Grumman, during a lunch conversation sharing the urgency to prepare graduates who qualify for the many open positions in STEM and other fields requiring highly educated candidates.

# The Story of One School District

By now the Whittier story is familiar to many educators. Researchers such as Dr. Michael Fullan have studied how the high school district, led by Superintendent Sandy Thorstenson, implemented an Acceleration Formula that resulted in a dramatic reduction in the achievement gap between student groups. Hear how the momentum was so powerful that it inspired the feeder districts to do the same, transforming an entire community.

### 1:15PM -2:45PM: Acceleration Clinic 2: Evaluating Your Achievement Plans Against Research

Begin refining your acceleration plans for 2023-24 now. Engage in a guided self-assessment of your current plans for accelerating student achievement. See how your plans stack up against "Effectiveness Indicators" of systems and practices that optimize student achievement growth.

## 3:00PM-3:45PM: Acceleration Clinic 3: Putting it into Practice

A panel of our current and former district leaders discuss their success implementing the Acceleration Formula in a high school district, a K-8 district, and a large urban high school. Learn from their mistakes and be uplifted by their triumphs. The final part of the clinic includes panelists rotating among the school and district team tables to take questions.

## 4:00PM-5:00PM: Clinic 4: Guided Team Planning

Consider the day's content and use a backcasting methodology to power up your acceleration plans for 2023-24. Facilitators from Orenda will be available to individual school and district teams to support the process. Leave this clinic well on your way to powering up your Acceleration Plans for the upcoming school year.



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