



CALIFORNIA READING FIRST Superintendents' Summit III

October 26, 2005
San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina

The Preparation Gap for Fourth Grade: Are District Leaders the Problem or the Solution?

General Session

Marriott Hall

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. **Welcome by Rudy Castruita**, *San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and Member of the Reading First, Reading and Literacy Partnership*

9:05 a.m. **Ruth Green, President, State Board of Education** – *Introduced by Rudy Castruita*

Staying the Course with Student Results and Instructional Supports

9:15 a.m. **Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education** – *Introduced by Don Kairott, Director, Professional Development and Curriculum Support Division, California Department of Education*

Commitment to Reading First Goals: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed

9:30 a.m. **Louisa Cook Moats, Researcher and Author** – *Introduced by Michelle Ramey, Director of Training and Development, Reading First California Technical Assistance Center*

Science, Language, and Imagination in the Professional Development of Reading Teachers

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **Russlynn Ali, Executive Director of Education Trust –West**
*Introduced by Marion Joseph, Consultant and Member of the
Reading and Literacy Partnership*

The Role and Responsibilities of District Leaders in Raising
Reading Achievement and Closing Achievement Gaps for All
Students

NOON **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Russell Gersten, Researcher and Author – Introduced by**
*Linda Gonzales, Director of Training and Development, Reading First
California Technical Assistance Center*

Recent Research on English Learners: Implications for Instructional Policy

1:30 p.m. **Kevin Wooldridge, President and CEO, Education for Change Charter
Management Organization and formerly Executive Director, Leadership
Academy, Oakland Unified School District**
*Introduced by Kathi Cooper, Reading First LEA Advisor and
Member of the Reading and Literacy Partnership*

Principals as Effective Instructional Leaders: Central Office’s Role

2:00 p.m. **Michael Romero, Director, Reading First Program, Los Angeles
Unified School District and formerly Principal, Gardena
Elementary School, Los Angeles Unified School District**
*Introduced by Sharon Ruiz Van Vleck, Director, Reading First
California Technical Assistance Center*

Ready, Set, Go: Successful Leadership in a Reading First School

2:30 p.m. **Ronni Ephraim, Chief Instructional Officer, Elementary Schools,
Los Angeles Unified School District and Speaker at Summits I & II**
*Introduced by Glen Thomas, Executive Director, California County
Superintendents Educational Services Association*

Knowledgeable and Skillful Leadership

3:15 p.m. **Closing - Alice Furry, Chief Administrative Officer,**
Reading First California Technical Assistance Center