

California Private School Advisory Committee, K-12

Presents:

Educating All Kinds of Minds: *A Non-labeling Approach to Understanding Differences in Learning*

A Seminar for K-12 Private, Nonprofit School
Teachers and Administrators

Presented by:

Dr. Mel Levine

January 8, 2008

(Tuesday – Los Angeles Area)

Almanson Court
700 South Almanson Street
Alhambra, CA 91801

January 10, 2008

(Thursday – Bay Area)

Villa Ragusa
35 South Second Street
Campbell, CA 95008

Space is limited – registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis!

Please contact Joyce Maksin at 916-228-2218 or jmaksin@scoe.net for workshop information.

*Early Bird: \$50.00 per participant
(Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch)*

*Registration 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Workshop 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEMINAR:

Dr. Levine will present an optimistic and scientifically supported approach to dealing with individual learning differences among school age children from kindergarten through college. He will provide an overview of eight key areas of brain function entitled *“The Neurodevelopmental Constructs.”* These areas include: controls of attention, temporal-sequential ordering, spatial ordering, memory, language, neuromotor function, social cognition, and higher order cognition. Within this framework, children possess distinct profiles of the eight areas. Included are: the rate of processing, the ability to handle large amounts of information, the capacity to make good use of strategies to facilitate function, the use of self-monitoring, the habit of thinking about thinking while thinking, and the influences of specific kinds of subject matter on the functions themselves. Dr. Levine will talk about the pivotal implications of this model for the scientific study of children and for the future of American education.

Objectives of the seminar are to:

- Provide a framework for the understanding of differences in learning.
- Enable participants to become more effective observers and describers of children's developmental differences.
- Help participants become more proficient at matching ways of teaching and parenting with a child's ways of learning and performing.

“Early Bird” registration must be mailed no later than November 1, 2007.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Dr. Mel Levine is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dr. Levine is also the founder of **All Kinds of Minds**, a non-profit institute for the understanding of differences in learning. He initiated and is currently collaborating in **Schools Attuned**, a national project designed to enhance the capacity of teachers to deal with children and adolescents having academic difficulties. Dr. Levine's major research and clinical interests are focused on learning processes and the specific dysfunctions that impede the education of many children and adolescents. He advocates a non-labeling approach, one that pinpoints and manages students' specific breakdown points, strengths and affinities without stigmatizing or oversimplifying them.

Dr. Levine is the author of numerous books and articles, including *Keeping a Head in School*, *All Kinds of Minds*, *The Myth of Laziness*, and *A Mind at a Time*, which was number one on the New York Times bestseller list. His recent book, *Ready or Not, Here Life Comes*, is about individuals with what he calls "work life unreadiness" and how we can prepare students to become more productive and gratified adults. He has also completed work on a public television documentary and an extensive video library in conjunction with WGBH in Boston. In 2005 he was named by Scholastic Press as the Most Admired Person in Education.

Dr. Levine graduated summa cum laude from Brown University and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in England. He later graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his pediatric training at The Children's Hospital in Boston.

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