

Jessica Zektser, Ed.D

EDUCATION

1993 - 1996 University of LaVerne, Ed.D in Educational Management
1969 - 1971 San Francisco State University, MA Humanities/English
1964 - 1968 San Diego State University, BA, Speech/Drama

CREDENTIALS

- University of LaVerne, Doctorate of Educational Leadership
- Cal State University East Bay, Administrative Services Credential
- San Francisco State University, Standard Secondary Teaching Credential

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 - Present Field Work Supervisor/Coach for Tier 1, 2 and Doctoral Students at Cal State University East Bay

2001 - 2009 Director, Assessment & Elementary Instruction (K-12)
Fremont Unified School District - Fremont, CA

2001 Interim Coordinator, Assessment/Instructional Materials Center
Fremont Unified School District - Fremont, CA

1995 - 2001 Elementary Principal, Patterson Elementary School (K-6)
Fremont Unified School District - Fremont, CA

1987 - 1994 Assistant Principal, Canyon Middle School (6-9)
Castro Valley, Unified School District - Castro Valley, CA

Summer 1987 Summer School Principal - Castro Valley School
Castro Valley Unified School District - Castro Valley, CA

1972-1986 Teacher: English, Social Studies (6-9)
Castro Valley Unified School District - Castro Valley, CA

District Wide Reform Efforts

- Collaboration with other departments in Instruction Services and Springboard to work with schools on closing the achievement gap and ensuring instructional equity
- Helped develop Single Plan for Pupil Achievement
- Facilitated purchase, implementation and ongoing professional development training of online Assessment and Reporting System
- Collaborated with District Literacy Coaches and Federal & State Projects Department to implement Reading Lions ELA formative assessments for grades 1-6
- Responsible for School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- Presenter in principal's workshop for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement
- Participant representing schools in the Coordinated Compliance Review process
- Previous member of the FUSD Principal's Advisory Team
- Planned and administered STAR, CAHSEE Test Site Coordinator's in-services

School Wide Reform Efforts

- Former lead planner and current presenter for "Family Literacy Nights"
- Increased capacity for data-driven decision making using the cycle of inquiry model
- Creation and facilitation of grade level literacy teams to ensure all students read at grade level
- Coordinator of Leadership Team that manages the reform effort and aligns all resources

- Expanded parent involvement through collaboration and an alignment of resources of a focused effort on student learning
- Lead designer for “Patterson Action Plan” for intervention and student achievement that is characterized by open communication and collaboration
- Developed a school portfolio on best practices in teaching and learning, high standards, professional development, systems for change and the professional learning community
- Developed a culture of data-based decision-making
- Engaged in accountability events/dialogues with parents, teachers and students to build a compact of shared responsibility and set priorities.

Curriculum & Instruction

- Facilitator for Elementary and Secondary Assessment Committees
- Responsible for the update of K-6 report cards
- Organize, and train for the District-wide Writing Assessments K-9
- Lead English Language Arts, Science, Social Science, Math adoptions, professional development and roll-out process
- Responsible for 4 million plus budgets
- Served on PAR panel
- Member of the BTSA Advisory Committee
- Developed grade level performance standards in math through the Program Quality Review Process
- Planned and implemented Sheltered English Instruction for new English Language Learners (ELL) with site teachers and the Federal and State Projects
- Chaired the Ethnic Awareness Committee in Castro Valley
- Monitored master schedule program through the “SASI” computer system
- Worked on a team to develop an effective Advisory Program at the middle school
- Served in the capacity of Program Manager of school improvement funds and instruction
- Developed Core Language Arts block, writing lab, Humanities course and a class for GATE underachieving students
- Participated as Mentor Teacher in Writing Across the Curriculum

- Facilitated a Bay Area Teacher's Writing Course Project

Grants

- Writer and recipient of Wells Fargo Grant for Online Assessment & Reporting System
- Lead writer and recipient of State Academic Mentor and Volunteer Grant for "at risk" students for two terms
- Lead writer and recipient of Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) Leadership Grant with a focus in literacy and whole school change
- Lead writer and recipient of Wells Fargo Grant to supplement learning for "at risk" students

Personnel

- Evaluator for elementary Principals
- Selection, supervision and evaluation of Assessment and IMC staff
- Oversees FUSD libraries, District Librarian and Library Media Systems Administrator
- Mentor Elementary Principals
- Work directly with NCLB Program Improvement school and 11/USP school
- Has been member of PAR, FUSD hiring panel, CVHS Board of Education Negotiating Committee
- Attended conferences for NCLB, California Standards Test and CAT/6, County and District Evaluators' Meeting, and STAR District Coordinators

Awards

- ACSA (Association of CA School Administrators)
- Ann Lord Memorial Award nominee
- Curriculum certification

References

Mr. Doug Gephardt
Superintendent (retired)