

>>Jack O"Connell

Welcome to our statewide Webcast. I am Jack O"Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and I am pleased to inaugurate this Internet broadcast of our CPM training for the 2008-09 CPM review cycle.

At a time when we are all facing education budget cuts and increased travel costs, we believe this Webcast will give you the important CPM training content you need at a very low cost.

I would like to welcome all the counties participating in this webcast today. Thank you for joining us.

Several years ago, in response to feedback from our colleagues around the state and staff from our own Department, I put forth a challenge to what is currently known as our Accountability and Improvement Division. I asked them to strengthen and streamline the way the California Department of Education conducts its state and federal program monitoring obligations. I think CPM delivers on this charge.

As will be shown today, CPM can serve as a key instrument to changing school and district processes and continuing the current trend of improving academic performance in our schools as well as addressing the persistent and troubling achievement gap among some groups of students.

I want to express my appreciation to you for participating in the CPM training sessions today and tomorrow. I also want to express my appreciation to all of you who work in California's public schools to improve academic performance and help close the achievement gap.

>>Anthony Monreal

I am Dr. Anthony Monreal, Deputy Superintendent of the Curriculum and Instruction Branch, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you viewing today's CPM Webcast.

My branch has responsibility for the majority of the categorical program offices at the California Department of Education, including English Learners, Child Development, CalSafe, Before and Afterschool Partnerships, Gifted and Talented Education, and Improving Teacher Quality.

Categorical Programs such as these, along with the funding to support them, were created and authorized in statute with a single purpose: to provide a better education for the students and families served by these programs.

We also want to express our interest in serving you and learning from you. Even after the live broadcast of the Webcast is concluded on October 10, if you or your

colleagues have questions or comments for us, please feel free to email any CPM program manager at CDE to discuss CPM concerns or ideas.
Thank you again for joining us today.

>>Deb Sigman

Hello, I am Deb Sigman, Deputy Superintendent of the Assessment and Accountability Branch, and I am pleased you are joining us for our Internet broadcast of Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) training for the 2008-09 CPM review cycle.

My Branch is glad to join in partnership with you to make this year's monitoring visit a successful one for you and all district personnel, including teachers, para-educators, students, School Site Council members and parents.

CPM provides an opportunity for California Department of Education staff and local school districts to work collaboratively on behalf of students. The CPM team ensures that a district's program activities meet legal requirements, but more importantly, they work with district staff to engage in educationally rich and meaningful dialogue that results in improved educational opportunities for students.

As CPM is implemented throughout California, countless educational improvements will be made to improve the academic performance of our students.

This Webcast will be online and available for viewing throughout this school year, so you will have the opportunity to review the content at your own pace, at any time you want to refresh your knowledge.

We hope the CPM visit goes smoothly for you and your program this year and trust that you will find the process beneficial.

Thank you for your attention to this very important process.

