

Education Reforms Headed Our Way?

Congressman George Miller who represents the 7th Congressional district (Richmond, El Sobrante, Martinez), and currently Chairs the House Committee on Education and Labor, met this week with the "brain trust" of the Council's leaders for education reform in California. AT&T California President, and Chair of the Early Childhood Education Committee Ken McNeely generously hosted the meeting in Concord. Congressman Miller briefed the group on the latest developments in Washington, and what we should expect to see from Education Secretary Arne Duncan in the coming months. Presentations from California State University President Mohammad Qayoumi, Ph.D. and John De Luca, Ph.D. (Office of the President of the University of California) covered higher education, and Ken McNeely and Andy Ball, Webcor Builders President & CEO and Chair of our Education Committee covered our ongoing work on early education and education data systems respectively. The Congressman lauded the Bay Area Council for rallying the business community to the wisdom of this approach. He agreed wholeheartedly with the Council's call for funding and implementing a K-12 student tracking and performance system, saying, "data is the most important change agent we have." Commenting on resistance from some teachers to this effort, he said "if they don't come around, the business community ought to take their hides off." Thanks to AT&T for hosting and we look forward to working with Congressman Miller to achieve real education reform.



Constitutional Convention Endorsed by KNTV

NBC Editorials series [has endorsed](#) a California Constitutional Convention, and has been airing commercials advocating a Convention during its regular news programming.



Article of the Week

The [Sacramento Bee](#) ran Repair California's Op-Ed piece *Only a Constitutional Convention can Repair Damage to State*.

Quote of the Week

"Today's California visionaries are calling for a constitutional convention to rewrite the plainly dysfunctional rules by which the state governs itself. It is not only Californians but also America that has a stake in their success." - Harold Meyerson, [Washington Post](#).

Happy Fourth of July!