

# WEEKLY FLASH

February 12 is "Big Meeting Day" in Bay Area Council Land. Despite California's budget crisis, some elements of the "Year of Education Reform" will move ahead and the Bay Area Council is extremely pleased that a new data system to track education performance is one of the few initiatives that got the "green light." We have been identified as a quarterback of the data system reform effort by both the central players in Sacramento and the foundations driving education changes. (*Warning the following dangerously stretches a football metaphor.*) In the Super Bowl of education data systems, Florida won. As we prepare for our own gridiron battle, Florida's innovative coach has agreed to share his winning formula with California, which wasn't even in the playoffs. Jay Pfeiffer, who leads Florida's efforts for their Department of Education will describe the nation's top state level education data system and how it got that way. California's data systems are currently ranked a woeful 48th in the country and we want to bring [Florida's best-in-class system](#) to California. Florida's system actually tracks students beyond K-12 and instead uses "P-20" to see how students perform from preschool all the way into the workforce, or end up in the prison system or on social services, such as welfare. Our Education Committee, led by committee Chair Andy Ball, President & CEO of Webcor Builders, will host Jay at the Commonwealth Club at 595 Market Street in San Francisco on Feb. 12, 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Education Vice President Linda Galliher at [lgalliher@bayareacouncil.org](mailto:lgalliher@bayareacouncil.org) for more information or to attend.



The second big meeting is the Bay Area Council's Water Committee, chaired by Jim Levine, co-founder of Levine\*Fricke family of companies. All of the key northern California water interests will attend the meeting, including water districts, environmental groups, agricultural interests and others. The Bay Area Council, with many of these groups, constituted the Governor's Delta Vision Stakeholder Group, and now – as water issues crest in Sacramento – are gathering to crystallize Northern California interests. The group will discuss conservation, conveyance and habitat issues to hone in on a unified set of solutions. It will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay Area Council offices at 201 California Street in San Francisco. Contact Andrew Michael, Vice President of Resources at [amichael@bayareacouncil.org](mailto:amichael@bayareacouncil.org), for more information or to attend.



## Article of the Week

This [San Francisco Chronicle blog](#) posting covers a secret whispered in Sacramento over the past year that eBay's Meg Whitman's next move might be a run for Governor.



## Quote of the Week

"The American people are not going to have a lot of patience for taking time," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson [on potential U.S. Senate resistance](#) to the deal struck on an economic stimulus package between the White House and the U.S. House of Representatives.

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