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Local parents are pleased to co-host this event with the Santa Clara University Civil Society Institute and the American Center for School Choice to highlight an eminent panel of speakers on the topic of School Choice.

“School Choice, Special Interests and the Education of our Children”

Panel Discussion

Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30 pm

Santa Clara University - Kennedy Commons 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

Panelists

Terry M. Moe is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, a member of the Institution's Koret Task Force on K-12 education, and the William Bennett Munro Professor of political science at Stanford University. In his new book, *Special Interest: Teachers Unions and America's Public Schools* (2011), he provides the first comprehensive study of America's teachers unions: exploring their historical rise to power, the organizational foundations of that power, the ways it is exercised in collective bargaining and politics, and its consequences for the nation's public schools.

Gloria J. Romero is a former California State Senator and was the Democratic majority leader of the California State Senate from 2001 until 2008, the first woman to ever hold that leadership position. She has taught at state universities and served as a trustee and board vice president for the Los Angeles Community College District. Ms. Romero ran for the nonpartisan California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and was supported by advocates of charter schools. Her two major opponents were supported by teachers unions and school administrators, respectively. Ms. Romero authored the Parent Trigger legislation in California in 2010.

Lance Izumi, J.D. is Koret Senior Fellow and Senior Director of Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy (PRI). He is the co-author of the groundbreaking book *Not as Good as You Think: Why the Middle Class Needs School Choice*, which has been praised by publications such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *Education Week*. His newest book is - *Short Circuited: The Challenges Facing the Online Learning Revolution in California*.

Moderator

Larry Sand taught elementary and middle school for over 28 years in NY and CA. Now retired, he is president of the non-profit California Teachers Empowerment Network – a non-partisan, non-political group dedicated to providing teachers with reliable and balanced information about professional affiliations and positions on educational issues – information teachers will often not get from their school districts or unions.

Q&A session will follow the panel discussion. Please join us for this unique opportunity to learn more about the state of our children's education and how school choice can be part of the solution.

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