



## Corporate and Foundation Grants Help Pivot Learning Partners Expand Programs and Launch Key Projects

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA November 13, 2009 - Pivot Learning Partners is pleased to announce the following grant awards, supporting a diverse range of programs – from enhancing our professional development and coaching for principals in Southern California to scaling up our key partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District:

### **S.D. BECHTEL, JR. FOUNDATION**

Pivot Learning Partners is proud to continue our partnership with the **S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation** to improve education in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the 2009-10 school year, the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation will support the expansion of our partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District to leverage the district's strategic plan to instill a culture of customer service at the district office.

**The Boeing Charitable Trust** has generously supported the Executive Leadership Center (ELC) for Superintendents in Southern California for several years, and will continue to do so in the 2009-10 school year.



Boeing will also fund the launch of the South Bay Principals Network, a new professional development program for principals in Los Angeles' South Bay region. The South Bay Principals Network is designed to address high incidence of principal turnover, and a corresponding lack of support services for new principals in the area.

The **California Community Foundation** has generously renewed support for an intensive coaching project to build the leadership capacity of principals from Palmdale Elementary School District's lowest-performing schools. Launched in 2007, Pivot Learning Partners is eager to build on the successes of the first two years of this work.





**The J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation** has provided support for a new principal coaching project at schools in the most economically disadvantaged areas of the Santa Ana Unified School District. This project will build the instructional leadership of principals and selected department chairs, and also improve teaching and learning in Algebra 1 classes, with special emphasis on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade English learners.

**The Stuart Foundation** has renewed support for the development of a capacity building curriculum for mid-level district leadership in California's public schools.

This is a critical area of need for leaders in these roles, and the Stuart Foundation's support is helping to build a program that helps to address the substantial gap in professional development available to these leaders.

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### **About Pivot Learning Partners**

Pivot Learning Partners (formerly Springboard Schools) is a non-profit public school change catalyst working with school districts throughout California to raise the achievement of students overall and close the achievement gap. We aim to help create a future in which all students learn to high levels and where race, class, language, gender, and culture are no longer good predictors of educational outcomes. Our work consists of three parts: we study what works in the most effective schools in the state and nation; we teach educators what we have learned; and we follow them back to school and coach them to make new ideas work in real schools and classrooms with real kids and the challenges they bring to school every day. In the 2008-09 school year, we worked with fifty districts serving 750,000 students. For more information about Pivot Learning Partners, please visit [www.pivotlearningpartners.org](http://www.pivotlearningpartners.org).

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