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YOUTHTRUTH STUDENT SURVEY CONVENES ADVISORY BOARD

YouthTruth gathers leaders from the education and philanthropic sectors

SAN FRANCISCO - [YouthTruth Student Survey](#) has created a new Advisory Board to support its growing work harnessing student feedback to accelerate school improvement.

The Advisory Board includes seasoned leaders from the education and philanthropic sectors and represents a diversity of perspectives and experiences. Advisory Board members will help shape YouthTruth's organizational agenda and guide planning on key issues such as growth strategy and research.

"I have been extremely impressed by the range of experiences and leadership of the Advisory Board members," said YouthTruth Executive Director Jen Wilka. "I know they will bring valuable guidance, support, and advice to YouthTruth as we continue to scale our work amplifying student voice to inform school and district improvement efforts."

YouthTruth Student Survey Advisory Board members include: **Fay Twersky** (YouthTruth cofounder and Director, Effective Philanthropy Group, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation), **John Boyd** (Superintendent, Quincy School District, Quincy WA), **Ben Daley** (Chief Academic Officer, High Tech High, San Diego CA), **John Easton** (Distinguished Senior Fellow, The Spencer Foundation), **Kathy Gomez** (Superintendent, Evergreen School District, San Jose CA), **Crystal Hayling** (Principal and Founder, C2 Projects and Former President and CEO, Blue Shield of California Foundation), **David Ross** (Chief Strategy Officer, Partnership for 21st Century Learning), and **Georgeanne Warnock** (Associate Superintendent for Educational Services, Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District, Carrollton TX).

"Too often, nonprofits and funders ignore the constituents who matter most – the intended beneficiaries of our work," said Twersky. "I believe YouthTruth serves a critical need to systematically listen to and value the voices of students, and am delighted to serve as an advisor to this important work."

The group will come together with YouthTruth leadership twice a year, with the first meeting to be held in San Francisco in September.



About YouthTruth Student Survey

YouthTruth is a national nonprofit that harnesses student perceptions to help educators accelerate improvements in their K–12 schools and classrooms. Through validated survey instruments and tailored advisory services, YouthTruth partners with schools, districts, states, and educational organizations to enhance learning for all students. Founded in 2008 in collaboration with the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP), YouthTruth has surveyed hundreds of thousands of students across 33 states and four countries, including Russia, Thailand, and Singapore. For more information, visit www.youthtruthsurvey.org.

About the Center for Effective Philanthropy

The Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide data and create insight so philanthropic funders can better define, assess, and improve their effectiveness and impact. CEP received initial funding in 2001 and has offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts and San Francisco, California. For more information on CEP’s work, including its research, programming, and assessments, see www.effectivephilanthropy.org.

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