



FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Ensuring access and opportunity

It is widely known that students did not have access to a “full year” of learning grade level standards during the 2020/21 school year. While a tragedy for all, this lack of access is especially devastating for students who live below or at the poverty level.

Now more than ever, summer and after-school programs are essential to accelerate learning. Students need access to grade level standards that were not presented or mastered during the 2020/21 school year and opportunities for creative enrichment experiences such as hands-on science activities, visits to museums and businesses, or work on community service projects.

The Silicon Valley Education Foundation recognizes the need for extended learning time for students farthest from access and opportunity. For the last 13 years, we’ve presented successful summer programs in math, science, and computer science in collaboration with some of the Valley’s top corporations, including Cisco, PwC, Chevron, Micron, Western Digital, KLA,



Flex, Google, and Applied Materials.

During the 2020/21 school year, SVEF pivoted to virtual summer and school year programming and worked tirelessly to close the digital divide so students had access to their education. As districts transition back to full time in person learning in the fall, SVEF is once

again leading the way with full time in person 2021 summer programming for over 3000 students in the Bay Area. Learnings from these summer programs will be invaluable to districts as they plan for a safe fall 2021 opening. Learnings from these summer programs will be invaluable to students as they gain access to the grade level standards they so desperately need to be successful in the coming school year.

Moving forward it will be imperative that we all support efforts to ensure students have what they need to succeed. Join us in advocating for; 1) digital inclusion and universal broadband, 2) federal, state, and local funding for extending learning time, 3) high quality summer and after school programs, 4) robust teacher preparation and professional learning.

Together we can ensure that every student has access to a quality education that results in an economically mobile future.

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