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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today held the inaugural meeting of his education advisory board.

“Today’s meeting was productive and informative,” Rep. McNerney said. “I can’t think of a better way to get input from educators and parents on the issues facing our schools.”

Discussion in today’s meeting focused on the No Child Left Behind Act as well as parental involvement and teacher effectiveness.

Of today’s meeting, Susan Farley, a teacher at Shasta Elementary School in Manteca, said, “It’s amazing to have a voice in the federal government.”

“Like the Congressman, I have a science background and I believe we have a responsibility to increase

The members of Congressman McNerney’s education advisory board are:

- Jo Ann Blunt, School Psychologist, Lodi Unified School District
- John Casey, Superintendent, Pleasanton Unified School District
- Susan Farley, Teacher, Shasta Elementary School, Manteca
- Dianne Gundlach, Teacher, Webster Middle School, Stockton
- Hilary Haugen, Assistant Principal, California High School, San Ramon
- Susan Heberle, Teacher, Tokay High School, Lodi
- Elizabeth Hoffman, Teacher, San Ramon Valley High School, Danville
- Uttara Makkar, Parent of two Tracy High School students, Tracy
- Eric Prater, Principal, Edna Middle School, Brentwood
- Steve Sievers, President, Tracy Educators Association
- Jill Sprenkel, Trustee, Byron Union School District
- Virginia Stewart, Director & Principal, Discovery Charter School, Tracy
- Kathleen Sullivan, Vice President, Board of Trustees, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Pam Warman, Principal, Claudia Landeen School, Stockton
- Ann Willoughby, Manager, Community & External Relations, Lawrence Livermore National Labora

Rep. McNerney plans to meet with members of the education advisory board several times throughout t