

East County Today

*August 2, 2012*

For all you education advocates out there, this may be an event you want to attend as Congressman Jerry McNerney will host a roundtable discussion on improving STEM education at all levels.

### **Congressman Jerry McNerney Hosting Roundtable on STEM Education**

*Strengthening Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Education at All Levels in Order to Prepare Students for 21st Century Jobs*

On Tuesday August 7, 2012, Congressman Jerry McNerney, a Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, will host a roundtable discussion on improving STEM education at all levels.

Mr. McNerney said of the upcoming event, "STEM education is critical to our students' future and to our nation's economic competitiveness. The U.S. faces a critical workforce shortage in STEM-related fields to fill today's high-tech jobs. Unfortunately, the World Economic Forum currently ranks the U.S. 51st in math and science education. This event will bring together significant players in our area to discuss STEM education and how it is connected to workforce preparation for young people. I hope this roundtable will be the first step toward creating a collaborative network of key stakeholders who are committed to improving STEM education in our region."

Representatives from district and county educational agencies, a community college, universities, non-profit organizations, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and local companies have been invited to discuss how they can work together to ensure that students in the Central Valley are aware of and prepared for diverse STEM careers in their own and surrounding communities.

There will also be a networking hour following the roundtable to give attendees an opportunity to forge relationships and discuss ways to collaborate going forward.

**Where:** Amos Alonzo Stagg High School – 1621 Brookside Road, Stockton, CA 95207

**When:** August 7, 2012                      9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please see the agenda [here](#)

The panelist include:

**PANEL 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: THE ROLES OF  
INDUSTRY, NATIONAL LABORATORIES, AND NON-PROFITS**

**PANELISTS:**

- Dr. Marcella Klein Williams ~ Chief Educational Officer, California STEM Learning Network
- Dr. John Knezovich ~ Director of University Relations and Science Education, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Mr. Christopher Young ~ Director of Operations, Community Fuels
- Dr. Earl Ault ~ Owner, Cedar Mountain Winery
- Mr. David Jimenez ~ President, Jose M. Hernandez Reaching for the Stars Foundation
- Mr. Chuck Crutchfield ~ Vice President and Director of Community Outreach, Give Every Child A Chance

**PANEL 2: THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS AT ALL LEVELS  
(Audience questions will follow)**

**PANELISTS:**

- Mr. J. Kirk Brown ~Director of Science and Special Projects, San Joaquin County Office of Education
- Dr. Steven Lowder ~ Superintendent, Stockton Unified School District
- Dr. Maria Pallavicini ~ Provost, University of the Pacific
- Mr. Salvador Vargas ~ Dean of the Division of Applied Science, Business, and

Technology, San Joaquin Delta College

- Dr. Juan Meza ~ Dean of the Department of Natural Sciences, University of California, Merced

- Mr. Andrew Walter ~ Chair, Mathematics Department, Amos Alonzo Stagg