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ABC7/KGO-TV SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESSES THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**'Education: A Bay Area Conversation' Airs
Thursday, May 28 (4:00 – 5:00 p.m. PDT), Live on ABC7**

Audience Members Are Encouraged to Participate in a Real Time Q&A With Bay Area School Superintendents Via the [ABC7 Bay Area Facebook Page](#) and [@abc7newsbayarea Instagram](#)

ABC7 News presents a one-hour virtual town hall on **Thursday, May 28 (4:00 – 5:00 p.m. PDT)**, to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on the education system and bring local and state education leaders together for a candid conversation. The interactive program is hosted by ABC7 News anchor **Ama Daetz** and ABC7 News education reporter **Lyanne Melendez**.

The panel, consisting of school superintendents, will answer questions submitted by parents, students and teachers, empowering them with facts about what K-12 public schools will look like in the upcoming fall semester. Viewers are encouraged to submit their questions in advance via [abc7news.com](#) or live during the town hall at [ABC7 Bay Area Facebook](#) and [@abc7newsbayarea Instagram](#).

The panel of school superintendents include the following:

- **Tony Thurmond**, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- **Dr. Vincent Matthews**, San Francisco Unified Superintendent of Public Instruction
- **Dr. Kayla Johnson-Trammell**, Oakland Unified Superintendent of Public Instruction
- **Nancy Albarrán**, San Jose Unified Superintendent of Public Instruction

Questions from the public will be incorporated into the broadcast through a social media monitor in the studio, where ABC7 News hosts will be without a studio audience. The panel of superintendents will join the conversation live via a private Zoom conference.

"Education: A Bay Area Conversation" will air LIVE on ABC7/KGO-TV while viewers can simultaneously engage on Facebook. Viewers can also stream the town hall live [abc7news.com](#), the [ABC7 News app](#), the [ABC7 News Bay Area YouTube channel](#) and Apple News.

About KGO-TV San Francisco

Emmy® Award-winning station KGO-TV ABC7 is the San Francisco Bay Area's source for breaking news, weather and live video. Widely recognized for its solution-based promise to help the Bay Area communities, the station's initiative "Building a Better Bay Area" dedicates more time, resources and reporting to the issues that impact its viewers' quality of life. From the local economy and education, to health and safety, to issues impacting the environment, ABC7's focus is to bring greater perspective on the challenges currently facing

neighborhoods. In addition to being the first station in the market to expand its weekday morning program to 4:30 a.m. in 2008 and their 11 p.m. weekend newscast to one hour in 2011, the station has consistently garnered Emmy nominations and wins for Overall Excellence/News Excellence, with one most recently awarded in 2019. KGO-TV is an ABC owned television station serving San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and all of the greater Bay Area, which together comprise the nation's sixth largest television market.

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