



Dear Fellow Educator,

Please join the University of Redlands and Corona-Norco Unified School District for the third annual [Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#) on **July 28** at **Lee Pollard High School in Corona**, from **8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** The event is free (with a complimentary breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack) to all California pre-K-12 teachers, teacher candidates, school administrators and other educators. Building on momentum from the past two years, the Summit will feature TED-style EdTalks presented by local teachers, EdCamp discussions on teacher-selected topics, and opportunities for networking and sharing ideas and resources with fellow teachers. **Register and choose Lee Pollard High School: [CATeachersSummit.com](http://CATeachersSummit.com)**

We are excited to feature two outstanding **Local EdTalk speakers** at our site this year:

- **Lisa Stallings**



A recipient of the teacher/county of the year award, is currently a first-grade teacher and a grade level lead at Coronita Elementary School in Corona Unified School District. As an educator for 29 years, she has been involved in several areas: a former Kindergarten teacher and a Reading Specialist for grade levels K-6, a Student Study Team (SST) leader and member, a K-1-2 grade level lead, *Educators Connecting Educators* member and keynote speaker, a District's teacher trainer, a K-2 RTI Reader by *Nine Initiative*, a presenter for the district's symposium days, District's Literacy cadre, to name a few. For her, the most fulfilling/favorite part of everyday is hearing a child pronounce, "I have an idea!". Her classroom is noisy with collaboration and teamwork because she believes that learning should be exciting, meaningful, and purposeful. Moreover, she values every moment of watching each child blossom and develop a deep desire for learning because to her, it is the most beautiful thing a teacher can experience.

- **Sally Schierbeck-Kim**



A third-grade teacher and a co-department leader of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, currently teaches at Towngate Elementary School in Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD). Beyond her own classroom teaching responsibilities, she is also a co-leader of an afterschool STEM and LEGO Club for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Her 24-year teaching experience ranges from being a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade/4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teacher, all the way to teaching 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade English. Although she has always worked for MVUSD, she took a leave of absence to teach in St. Petersburg, Russia during 1996-1997 in a Christian school for missionary children. Also, a recent participant at the California Elementary Mathematics and Science Professional Learning Initiative, Sally has been awarded the Teacher-of-the-Year for Towngate Elementary School and one of the four for Moreno Valley Unified School District. Her most fulfilling part of teaching is helping others to experience learning. For her, it is fulfilling to help students work beyond their barriers and self-limitations to experience growth.

In addition, we have a multi-topic afternoon symposium, led by local EdCamp teachers that will highlight thought-provoking issues such as:

- Lived Experiences of ALL Students from **Diverse Religious Backgrounds**
- Perspectives on **Gender and Sexuality** in Education
- Challenges of **English Learners, Foster Kids, and Students from Low SES** including **Undocumented Students/Teachers**

We surely look forward to seeing you all at this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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