

Best Results for English Learners Conference set for November 3

Again this year, Educational Resource Services is leading Region VII's Best Results for English Learners Conference. Scheduled for November 3, the virtual conference is a collaboration between county offices of education in Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Mariposa counties.



This year, the conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Ivannia Soto, plus breakout sessions addressing best practices in supporting English Learners (ELs) through distance learning, integrated and designated ELD, long-term English learners, newcomers, EL policy, and more.

During her keynote presentation, Dr. Soto will present the importance of active listening and academic discourse in equitably engaging ELs in both language and content development. She will also model strategies for active engagement with ELs in virtual settings.

Dr. Soto is a professor of education at Whittier College and director of graduate programs where she specializes in language acquisition, systemic reform for English language learners, and urban education. She began her career in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she taught

English and English Language Development. Before becoming a professor, Dr. Soto also served as a literacy coach, as well as a district office and county office administrator. She has presented on literacy and language topics at various conferences, including the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), the American Educational Research Association (AERA), and the National Urban Education Conference.

Visit eventsquid.com/event/11053 to register for the Best Results for English Learners Conference today.

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~ Dr. Ivannia Soto will be the keynote speaker at the Best Results for English Learners Conference scheduled virtually for November 3.

Dr. Paul Gorski's six-part equity series continues today

Equity leader and author Dr. Paul Gorski conducted the first of his six-part virtual training series on October 7. Educators who missed Dr. Gorski's first Zoom presentation may view it on TCOE's YouTube Channel at tcoe.org/YouTube/Gorski. Dr. Gorski's second presentation will begin today at 2:00 p.m.



Participants are asked to commit to the remainder of the series, which includes 90-minute sessions on October 14 and 28, November 4 and 17, and December 2. The equity series is free to Tulare County educators; those outside the county are asked to pay \$25.

Through this series, Dr. Gorski will expand on his presentation delivered at the first annual TCOE Equity Conference in January 2020. He will share a set of equity principles and skills to guide any equity practice toward its central goal: to identify and eliminate inequity within our school communities.

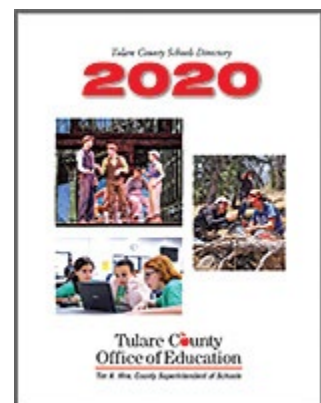
Dr. Gorski is the founder of the Equity Literacy Institute. He has 20 years of experience helping educators strengthen their equity efforts. He has worked with educators in 48 states and 14 countries. Dr. Gorski has also published more than 70 articles and written, co-written, or co-edited 12 books on educational equity.

Visit tcoe.org/EquitySeries to register today. For additional information, please contact Martin Frolli at martinf@tcoe.org.

Tulare County Schools Directory now online

In keeping with TCOE's efforts to reduce paper usage in all areas of its operations, an updated version of the Tulare County Schools Directory is now available online at tcoe.org/Directory. Hardcopy versions will not be distributed this year. A pdf version of the directory is available to download or print. The directory has been redesigned in a letter-size format to fit in a binder if staff members choose to print one.

On the webpage, viewers can also find links to listings of TCOE staff, contact information for various programs, services and events, and information on Tulare County schools, districts, and charter schools.



The information in this pdf was accurate as of October 5, 2020. Staff or district personnel who notice errors in the information in the pdf or on any of the web pages are encouraged to notify Rob Herman at robh@tcoe.org. Online staff and district web pages will be updated continually. The pdf version of the directory will be updated each February and August.

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