

## California Dropout Research Project Summary of Events (2007-08)

A number of activities were undertaken to develop public awareness of the project and of the dropout crisis in California at the state, national, and international levels. Presentations are local, state, national, and international.

- March 30, 2007—Professor Rumberger made a presentation about the project to the Urban Education Dialog, a group of 18 California superintendents from large, urban districts (San Diego, Long Beach, San Jose) who meet quarterly in San Diego to discuss challenges facing urban districts.
- May 1, 2007—After issuing a press release announcing the project, Professor Rumberger conducted a radio interview on PBS-affiliated stations, including the Sacramento and San Diego broadcast areas.
- May 9, 2007—Professor Rumberger made a presentation about the project at the National Dropout Summit, held in Washington, D.C., that included several prominent members of the national media (Frank Sesno from CNN, Tim Russert from NBC, E.J. Dionne from the Washington Post), state school superintendents (NYC, Atlanta), governors (RI, NC, and NH), education reformers (Wendy Kopp from Teach for America and David Levin from KIPP), and First Lady Laura Bush<sup>1</sup>.
- June 8, 2007—Professor Rumberger and Senator Steinberg participated in a radio roundtable for San Francisco's KQED public radio.
- July 11, 2007—Professor Rumberger and Senator Steinberg made a joint presentation to the California State Board of Education about the project and its activities.
- October 19, 2007—Professor Rumberger made a presentation based on a policy memo addressing the notion of district capacity at the Policy Convening in Sacramento, hosted by EdSource.
- November 13, 2007—Professor Rumberger and Senator Steinberg made a joint presentation at the Achievement Gap Conference in Sacramento, sponsored by the California Department of Education.
- January 11, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation about the project at Policy Day, held at the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UC Santa Barbara.

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<sup>1</sup> See: <http://www.silentepidemic.org/summit/index.htm>. Portions of the summit, including Dr. Rumberger's panel presentation, were broadcast on C-SPAN on May 26, as part of its series, American Perspectives (see: [http://www.c-span.org/homepage.asp?Cat=Series&Code=APS&ShowVidNum=10&Rot\\_Cat\\_CD=APS&Rot\\_HT=206&Rot\\_WD=&ShowVidDays=100&ShowVidDesc=&ArchiveDays=100](http://www.c-span.org/homepage.asp?Cat=Series&Code=APS&ShowVidNum=10&Rot_Cat_CD=APS&Rot_HT=206&Rot_WD=&ShowVidDays=100&ShowVidDesc=&ArchiveDays=100)).

- January 20, 2008—Professor Rumberger made two presentations to the National Conference of State Legislators meeting in Phoenix, AZ; one on dropout intervention strategies and one on CDRP with Susanna Cooper, chief consultant for Senator Steinberg.
- February 12, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation about dropout intervention strategies at the Gates Foundation Convening in San Diego.
- February 14, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation about the project at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.
- March 7, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation on reforming high schools to reduce dropouts at the PACE seminar in Sacramento.
- March 25, 2008—Professor Rumberger chaired a symposium at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association in Chicago that included a number of CDRP-funded researchers.
- June 19, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation at the North Carolina Family Impact Seminar in Chapel Hill, NC on building capacity to improve high school graduation rates.
- October 12, 2008—Professor Rumberger made a presentation at the International Research Network on Youth Education and Training meeting in Venice, Italy, on the dropout crisis in the United States.

### **Presentations on dropouts**

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| January 11, 2008  | <p>“Informing the Policy Process: The California Dropout Research Project”<br/>         Presentation at the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education Policy Seminar<br/>         Santa Barbara, CA</p>  |
| January 20, 2008  | <p>“Solving the Dropout Crisis: An Overview of Intervention Strategies”<br/>         “Informing the Policy Process: The California Dropout Research Project”<br/>         Presentations at the National Conference of State Legislators<br/>         Phoenix, Arizona</p> |
| February 12, 2008 | <p>“Solving the Dropout Crisis: An Overview of Intervention Strategies”<br/>         Presentation at Gates Foundation Convening<br/>         San Diego, CA</p>  |
| February 14, 2008 | <p>“Solving California’s Dropout Crisis”<br/>         Presentation on CDRP at Commonwealth Club<br/>         San Francisco, CA</p>  |

- March 7, 2008 “Reforming California’s High Schools to Reduce Dropout Rates”  
PACE Seminar  
Sacramento, CA
- March 25, 2008 “From Research to Policy to Practice: Addressing the Dropout  
Crisis in California”  
Symposium at the annual meeting of the American Education  
Research Association  
Chicago, IL
- June 19, 2008 “Building System Capacity to Improve High School Graduation  
Rates”  
Presentation at the North Carolina Family Impact Seminar  
Chapel Hill, NC
- October 12, 2008 “The Problem of High School Dropouts in the U.S.”  
International Research Network on Youth Education and Training  
Venice, Italy
- November 8, 2008 “Findings from the California Dropout Research Project”  
PICO California  
San Jose, CA
- November 28, 2008 “What is a school likely to look like with 100% student completion  
rate?”  
Video presentation at the Effective Strategies to Assist School  
Completion Conference  
Melbourne, Australia
- December 10, 2008 "Research-based Strategies for Dropout Prevention"  
Teleseminar  
National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities  
(NDPC-SD)
- December 12, 2008 “Dropout Prevention Strategies”  
“The California Dropout Research Project”  
National Conference of State Legislatures  
Atlanta, GA