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INSIGHTS FROM AN OBAMA INSIDER: LINDA DARLING-HAMMOND TO SPEAK AT SVEF EVENT

SAN JOSE, CA. – Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford educator and nationally-recognized expert on education change, will speak on the implications of the federal stimulus bill for California's schools on Monday **(April 6)** from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, 1400 Parkmoor Ave.

Darling-Hammond served as chair of President Barack Obama's Education Transition Task Force and is founder and co-director of Stanford University's School Redesign Network, which works to improve underperforming schools.

Known as a "teacher-friendly" educator, Darling-Hammond has written more than a dozen books on education and is a household name within education circles, best known for her research on effective teachers and schools.

Education Week magazine named her the 10th most influential educator in America in 2006. She will present her insider's perspective on the Obama administration's education program, including re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (otherwise known as the No Child Left Behind Act or NCLB).

Dr. Michael Kirst, Stanford University Professor Emeritus of Education, will also weigh in on what the new stimulus bill means for the state's schools. Kirst sits on the board of directors of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation.

For more information about the event, go to the Silicon Valley Education Foundation Website at .svefoundation.org, or call (408) 790-9400.

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