



What's New at SLED

An update for friends and contributors.

\$100,000 for Hands-On Science

SLED commits to largest impact yet with S.T.E.A.M. Lab partnership.

At SLED we understand that a child's curiosity to learn, confidence to challenge themselves and commitment to persevere in the face of adversity are seeds that must be sown early. That is why SLED has committed \$100,000 a year for two years to pilot a **S.T.E.A.M. Lab** at **McKinley** and **Garfield** elementary schools.

With this unique partnership, teachers will have access to a fully equipped, dedicated space for teaching hands-on science, technology, and engineering. The **San Leandro USD** has created and stocked the lab and **SLED is underwriting the cost of a full-time Lab Coordinator at each site.** The Lab Coordinators will be responsible for maintaining the equipment and setting up the labs for each teacher so that when they arrive with their class, they can begin their lesson right away. Classes will visit the lab each week and it is estimated that **the S.T.E.A.M. Labs will double the amount of hands-on science instruction these students receive.** But the S.T.E.A.M. Lab doesn't close when the last bell rings. Lab Coordinators **will also offer free after school S.T.E.A.M. enrichment classes** four days per week so that students can continue to develop their curiosity in a variety of subjects including robotics, environmental science, and math in a playful, safe environment.



S.T.E.A.M. Lab ribbon cutting at Garfield Elementary. (from left to right: Trustee Victor Aguilar, Sup. Mike McLaughlin, Trustee Evelyn Gonzalez, Principal Lynda Hornada, SLED President Christian Rodriguez and former SLED President Sarah Galvin)



Parents at McKinley Elementary S.T.E.A.M. Lab ribbon cutting.

SLED will be working closely with the District to track and measure the impact S.T.E.A.M. Labs have on students. Questions we will be asking include; Does the S.T.E.A.M. Lab help increase attendance? Do students express an increased interest in S.T.E.A.M. careers? And, over time, does the lab impact achievement in math and science so that students are at grade level when they begin middle school? If the answer to some or all of these questions is yes, **we hope to expand the S.T.E.A.M. Lab partnership to all eight elementary schools in the District.**

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Celebrating 10 years of pulling together for education.

In the midst of the 2008 financial crisis, **Deborah Cox** and **Jill Raimondi** convened a group of committed San Leandrans in Jill's living room to form what would become the San Leandro Education Foundation. Since that day, dozens of volunteers and hundreds of donors—all with the shared belief that *when a student succeeds, we all succeed*—



SLED Co-Founders Jill Raimondi & Deborah Cox. have worked to ensure that San Leandro's students have access to an enriched educational experience. Over \$1.5 million dollars has been raised to send kids to science camp and museums. Funds have supported programs that reduce incidences of violence and bullying while empowering students to seek non-violent solutions to injustices. And stipends have been offered to San Leandro High School students to serve as summer math coaches. These are just a few examples of the many programs funded over the years.



SLED President Christian Rodriguez giving a toast to 10 years.

So it was an especially joyous occasion at this year's annual **SLED Gala** where we came together as a community to celebrate our success. After all, SLED's success is the community's success. We also took the opportunity to honor members of the SLED community for their remarkable commitment to San Leandro schools. This year's recipients included: SLED Co-Founders **Deborah Cox** and **Jill Raimondi**, Director of Public Affairs for Kaiser Permanente **Debra Lambert**, President/CEO of Ghirardelli Chocolate **Joel Burrows**, Parent and SLED100 Member **Leticia Alvarez**, and Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 **Rob Stoker**.

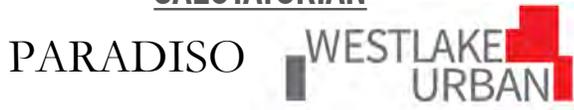
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