



THE LONG VIEW HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING IN URBAN SCHOOLS



Two schools. Two very different stories of grassroots reform in California's Oakland Unified School District.

So goes the narrative of *The Long View*, a new project by documentary filmmaker Susan Zeig. The film tells the story of Life Academy. Founded in 2001 as part of Oakland's community-driven effort to open smaller, better schools, Life Academy now has the district's highest acceptance rate for University of California and California State University schools. The school serves a diverse population, using a student-centered approach that emphasizes community action.

The film also tells the story of Fremont High. Like their counterparts at Life Academy, members of the Fremont community also want a safe and high-quality school. *The Long View* depicts their efforts to work toward changes that will help that school better serve their needs.

The National Education Policy Center and the School of Education at the University of Colorado Boulder are hosting a free screening of *The Long View* at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10th at Norlin Library on campus. The film's producer/director, Susan Zeig, will be on hand to discuss the film, as will Californians for Justice community organizer Robert Paige, who is profiled in the documentary.

[Click here](#) to RSVP. And [arrive early](#) (4 to 6 p.m.) to celebrate the launch of the library's Children's and Young Adult Collection with children's activities and snacks.

Can't make it to the screening, but still interested in learning more about *The Long View* and the history of community organizing in the Oakland schools?

- [Click here](#) for a comprehensive screening guide, clips, events, and more!

- Read NEPC Fellow [Tina Trujillo](#)'s study of community organizing in the Oakland schools.
- In this [article](#), NEPC Fellow [Katherine Schultz](#) describes her work with the Oakland Unified School District. She is currently at work on a book about that subject.
- Read this news coverage about school choice in Oakland. The piece quotes NEPC Fellow [Janelle Scott](#), a UC Berkeley education professor who was formerly a teacher in the Oakland schools.

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