



Urban School Reform: Lessons from San Diego

Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

In 1998, U.S. district attorney for Southern California Alan Bersin was hired to run the San Diego City Schools. This June, he will depart San Diego as the nation's longest-serving big-city superintendent. During Bersin's tumultuous tenure, he achieved national prominence for his blunt challenge to the teachers' union and his ambitious efforts to reshape the nation's eighth-largest school system. Last September, AEI director of education policy studies Frederick Hess led a comprehensive effort to examine the Bersin reforms, and now the fruits of that effort are available in the new book Urban School Reform: Lessons from San Diego (Ed. Frederick Hess, Harvard Education Press).

Please join Bersin, Hess, and several contributing authors for a frank discussion of the practical lessons that San Diego holds for urban school reformers across the nation.

- 9:45 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 *Introduction:* FREDERICK M. HESS, AEI
- 10:10 *Discussants:* JANE HANNAWAY, The Urban Institute
MICHAEL USDAN, Institute for Educational Leadership
JOE WILLIAMS, New York Daily News
PATRICK J. WOLF, Georgetown University
- 10: 50 *Presenter:* ALAN BERSIN, San Diego City Schools
- 11:30 Adjournment

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