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**WHY DO PARENTS PULL THE TRIGGER?
THE RADICAL SCHOOL REFORM YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF
CANDID, PROVOCATIVE, CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSION
TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES ON
MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 21, 2011, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**FOUR EXPERTS ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT AN EARTHQUAKE IN
PUBLIC EDUCATION – CALIFORNIA'S PARENT TRIGGER LAW**

WHO: BEN AUSTIN

Mr. Austin has served as the Executive Director of the Parent Revolution since April 2008. He has dedicated much of his career to fighting for a California where every child can get a great public education. In 2007, he directed the successful campaign to transform Locke High School from the worst high school in Los Angeles into a college preparatory model of reform.

BRUNO BEHREND

Mr. Behrend is the Director of the Heartland Center for School Choice. He has a strong background in public policy, communications, as well as experience in the political arena. From 2006 through 2008, he hosted a radio show in the Northern Chicago Metropolitan area.

BEN BOYCHUK

Mr. Boychuk is managing editor of School Reform News. He joined the Heartland Institute in 2010 after several years writing on education and other national issues as an editorial writer for Investor's Business Daily and the Press-Enterprise in Riverside, CA. From 2000 until 2004, he was managing editor of the Claremont Review of Books.

LYDIA GRANT

Ms. Grant is a parent of three and longtime community activist from Sunland-Tujunga. She has been fighting for over 10 years to improve her local schools and is currently the Education Representative for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, as well as the Education Chair for the Saving Los Angeles Project (S.L.A.P.).

LARRY SAND, MODERATOR

Mr. Sand is a retired teacher and president of the California Teachers Empowerment Network. Realizing that so many are misled by our teachers' unions, he writes and speaks about the unions and their ongoing battle against any meaningful education reform.

WHAT: WHY DO PARENTS PULL THE TRIGGER?

A Revolution in Public Education: Taking back our schools

A spirited panel discussion and audience Q & A co-sponsored by California Teachers Empowerment Network, Parent Revolution, The Heartland Institute and Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors with outstanding and controversial thinkers to better understand what the Wall Street Journal has called *The Radical School Reform You've Never Heard Of* -- the Parent Trigger law in California:

Who is behind it?

How does it affect the average citizen?

How will it change our public schools?

Why are Democrats and Republicans, progressives and conservatives supporting it?

Why do the teachers unions, school administrators and other special interest groups hate it?

Why is Sacramento trying to kill it?

What has been the effect of supportive editorials in newspapers?

WHERE: **SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER**
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

WHEN: **MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011**
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
\$10.00 per person - Cash or check at the door

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ABOUT CALIFORNIA TEACHERS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

California Teachers Empowerment Network – www.ctenhome.org -- was co-founded by Larry Sand in 2006 because a wide range of information from the more global concerns of education policy, education leadership, and education reform, to information having a more personal application, such as professional liability insurance, options of relationships to teachers unions, and the effect of unionism on teacher pay, comes to teachers from entities that have a specific agenda. CTEN is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-political group dedicated to providing teachers and the public at-large with reliable and balanced information about professional affiliations and positions on educational issues, information teachers will often not get from their school districts or unions.

Sand began his teaching career in New York in 1971. Since 1984, he has taught elementary school as well as English, math, history and ESL in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where he also served as a Title 1 Coordinator. Recently retired, he is the president of CTEN. Sand's comments and op-eds have appeared in City Journal, Associated Press, Newsweek, Townhall Magazine, Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union Tribune, San Jose Mercury News, Los Angeles Daily News and other publications. He has appeared on numerous broadcast news programs in Southern California and nationally.



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