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**Parents and Students Invited to Learn about Insight Online Public High School**

*National Priority on Improving Education Focuses Attention on Innovative Alternative That Offers Education Individualized for Student Learning Styles and Goals*

WINDSOR, Calif. (April 6, 2009) – Insight School of California – North Bay has announced a series of 17 information sessions scheduled during the months of April, May and June for parents and students to learn about the online public high school's innovative programs in preparation for Fall 2009 applications. In addition to presentations by Insight staff, a current Insight student will share his or her personal experiences and the benefits of the program. Insight School of California – North Bay is a full-time, diploma-granting school offered tuition-free for students throughout Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties.

The new presidential administration has announced a priority on education, including an emphasis on breakthroughs in areas such as charter schools and technology utilization. Online programs offer a unique solution for delivering the benefits associated with pursuing these goals in tandem.

"High school students have different aspirations, goals and dreams. Their needs and personal circumstances such as family, social habits and work obligations vary widely," said Insight School of California Executive Director Sheila Shiebler. "Some are planning for college or trade school. Others may be directed toward military service or an immediate career path. High school serves as a portal to the future. It's a critical transition period for attaining their goals and finding their identity. The Insight online program is designed specifically to help each student find the path that is best for them."

Insight brings a safe high school experience to the student, wherever they may be, whenever is most convenient to them via the Internet with a school-provided laptop computer. Insight also offers students a wide range of social activities such as clubs, study groups and social events. Personalized, one-on-one support is available through teachers, iMentors, guidance counselors, tutoring and 24-hour tech support. In addition, a Career Pathways program and internship opportunities help prepare students for jobs, careers and college.

"There were just too many distractions at my local school," said Insight sophomore Patrick Harrington. "Plus, I love the flexibility and the opportunity to work at my own pace. I can take my laptop and log-in from wherever I am to catch up on school work. And I still have time for extracurricular activities as well as a part-time job."

The upcoming information sessions will cover the key benefits of attending an online high school, an online demonstration of a typical classroom session, information on the robust Insight Schools curriculum, a review of available social activities, a question and answer period, and application materials.

Sessions are scheduled as follows (pre-registration is not required): **Brentwood**, April 21; **Concord**, April 20; **Corte Madera**, May 18; **Fairfield**, May 9; **Lakeport**, June 4; **Napa**, May 7; **Novato**, May 19; **Petaluma**, May 21; **Pittsburgh**, April 23; **Pleasant Hill**, April 22; **San Pablo**, April 25; **Santa Rosa**, May 20; **Sonoma**, May 5; **Ukiah**, June 1; **Vallejo**, May 4; **Willits**, June 2; **Windsor**, June 5.

Insight School of California – North Bay focuses on each student’s lifestyle, learning style, interests and needs to prepare them to achieve their goals for life after high school. It teaches skills and provides experiences for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, skills that are relevant and that students will use after high school, and experiences that will prepare them for a global economy. For more information, visit [www.insightca.net](http://www.insightca.net).

#### **About Insight School of California – North Bay**

Insight School of California – North Bay is a tuition-free, diploma-granting, online, public high school serving students who are California residents in Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties. It is governed by the California Alliance for Online Learning and authorized by the Windsor Unified School District. For more information, visit [www.insightca.net](http://www.insightca.net) or call 800-670-5391.

#### **About Insight Schools**

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