



2007 Review Board Members

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Russlynn Ali is the vice president of Education Trust and founding director of the Education Trust-West, the West Coast partner of the national policy and advocacy organization. In her 10 years of advocacy work prior to joining Education Trust-West, Ali held several senior positions serving youth education, including liaison to the president of the Children's Defense Fund, chief of staff to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education president and deputy co-director of the Advancement Project.

Anne L. Bryant is the executive director of the National School Boards Association, a national federation of state school board associations. Bryant was named Association Trends Executive of the Year in 2005 and is also on the board of trustees at Simmons College.

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Jo Lynne DeMary is Virginia's former superintendent of public instruction. With more than 35 years of experience in public education, DeMary has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, elementary school supervisor, director of special education and assistant superintendent of public schools.

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Wendy Kopp is president and founder of Teach For America, a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. Kopp proposed Teach For America in her undergraduate senior thesis at Princeton University in 1989 and has spent the last 18 years working to sustain and grow the organization. She also serves on the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Alexander "Sandy" Kress is an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Austin, Texas, focusing on public law and policy at the state and national levels, and an education advisor to President George W. Bush. He previously served as president of the board of trustees of the Dallas Independent School District.

Thomas W. Payzant is a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. From 1995 to 2006, he served as superintendent of Boston Public Schools, which won The Broad Prize in 2006 after being a finalist for four years. Before working in Boston, he served as superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, the Oklahoma City Public Schools and the Eugene Public Schools in Oregon. Payzant served as President William J. Clinton's assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education from 1993 to 1995.

Andrew "Andy" Rotherham is co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, an independent national education policy think-tank. In 1998, Rotherham launched the 21st Century Schools Project at the Progressive Policy Institute, which he directed until 2005, and focused on improving teacher quality, public school choice, special education and modernizing the federal role in education. Rotherham previously served as special assistant to the president for domestic policy during the Clinton administration.

John Simpson is director of the Stupski Foundation's District Alliance Program. He served as superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools in Virginia from 1998 to 2005, when the district won The Broad Prize after being a finalist for two years. In 2005, Simpson was named Virginia Superintendent of the Year. Previously, he served as the superintendent of schools in Ann Arbor, Michigan.