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Symposium I:

Making Good Choices in the Midst of Change: School Autonomy and Accountability in New Orleans

Keynote Speaker



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Levin was the President of the Evaluation Research Society and the recipient of its Gunna Myrdal Prize for Contributions to the Field of Evaluation. He is the former editor of the *Review of Educational Research*. In 1991 the *New York Times* named him one of nine national leaders for "Innovation in Education". In 1992 he received the Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Contributions to Education. He has been a member and President of the Palo Alto (California) School Board and has been inducted as a Guest Professor at Beijing University. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the Educational Testing Service and the President-Elect of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). At present Levin is doing research on educational reform, educational vouchers, cost-effectiveness analysis, financing educational equity, and educational privatization.

From 1986-2000 Levin served as the Director of the Accelerated Schools Project, a national school reform initiative for accelerating the education of at-risk youngsters. There are presently over 1,000 Accelerated elementary and secondary schools in some 40 states with 50 schools in Hong Kong. His Most recent books are: *Cost-Effectiveness Analysis: Methods and Applications* (Sage Publications, 2000), *Privatizing Education* (Westview, 2001), and *Privatizing Educational Choice*, 2005.

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