

BIO for ANTHONY J. TRUJILLO

Anthony J. Trujillo was born and raised in Colorado. He went to school in California at the University of San Francisco and Stanford University.

Mr. Trujillo has spent 50 years in education as a teacher and administrator, twenty-two years as a superintendent. Mr. Trujillo served as an English teacher, coach, middle and high school principal and superintendent in the San Francisco Bay Area. During his nine years as superintendent in Marin County the district scores rose from the 90th percentile to the 98th percentile.

He then became superintendent of the Sweetwater Union High School District near San Diego, where he drew national attention for his successful work with high school dropouts. Test scores went up for five years in a row during his tenure. This had never happened in the district before and has not happened since his departure.

He came out of retirement to become superintendent of the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, Texas. During his tenure, Ysleta went from being the lowest performing urban school district to the highest performing urban school district in Texas. The Ysleta Independent School District was the only urban school district in Texas to be designated as a recognized school district. Thirty-seven of the district's 58 schools received exemplary status. To date seventeen doctoral dissertations have been written by students at the University of Texas at Austin about the Ysleta Independent School District and its success during Mr. Trujillo's tenure.

After leaving Ysleta, Anthony Trujillo joined the National Center on Education and the Economy where he served as field services director of the America's Choice Program. He left NCEE to found a company, Advancepath Academics. He has since retired from this company. In his retirement he breeds and races thoroughbred horses.

Mr. Trujillo has received several fellowships and served on state and national boards and commissions including the Carnegie Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce. Anthony Trujillo was given the Personal Achievement Award by the Children's Defense Fund and the Champions of Equity Award by the Equity Center of Texas.

He is married and has five children and one grandchild