
*"It is our season to write a new chapter in American Education.
This message is confirmed among and resonates with the people of Oakland."*

- DR. MARCUS A. FOSTER
OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT 1970

Principal For A Day

Thursday, February 10, 2005; 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

DESCRIPTION

Principal For A Day is an annual event where volunteers from the public sector and business community partner with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to experience a "day in the life" of a principal to help individuals learn about the common ground shared and the multitude of challenges faced every day at a school site. The goal is to generate ongoing partnerships that support students and teachers in achieving academic excellence. Through this program, Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute and the Oakland Unified School District hope to:

- Provide business and community leaders the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Oakland Public Schools and experience first-hand the challenges *and opportunities* facing public education.
- Provide business and community leaders the opportunity to become more closely acquainted with the multifaceted role of principals as school leaders and use their business acumen to observe and reflect on the daily process of education.
- Encourage ongoing relationships between business, community and school leaders and generate potential partnerships which will improve our schools.

Principal For A Day is a benefit to the school district, local corporations and civic organizations. It forges new connections and relationships between organizations that have a lot in common, but that might not otherwise connect with one another. Further, the event opens the possibility for sustained relationships and exchange of resources over time with one another.

MARCUS A. FOSTER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

The mission of the Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute (MAFEI) is to develop relationships and mobilize resources that create opportunities for all children in Oakland public schools to achieve excellence. Established in 1973 by the OUSD Superintendent for whom the organization was later named, the Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute was the first local education fund in the country. MAFEI has worked for 30 years to carry out Dr. Foster's vision that urban education can be transformed only when the entire community actively participates.