



# ***Student Empowerment Academy***

New Technology High School

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Letter of Commendation:

Student Empowerment Academy/New Technology High School has participated in the Transition Institute the past two years. The Transition Institute has been a part of our school wide learning outcomes to help meet our goals in these areas. Attendance has improved to 95% plus. Discipline situations that require student suspensions are well below the district wide target. First time CAHSEE pass rate at 63% is the third highest in Local District 5 among all high schools. Our students went from 457 at their home school of attendance to 638, which is an increase of 181 points on the API. The personalization of the educational process of each student at SEA/NTHS has greatly benefited from the Transition Institute. Student directed mediation groups have evolved by the strategies our students learned during their Transition Institute training.

I can strongly recommend the Transition Institute as a tool to help develop a positive educational atmosphere at any high school. The benefits students receive will stay with them for the rest of their life.

Sincerely,

Michael Taft  
Principal