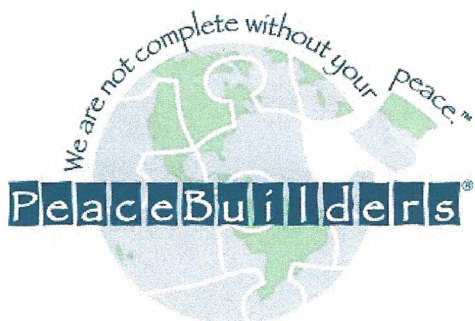


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Dear PeaceBuilders,

In the words of Joel Barker, independent scholar, futurist and creator of the highly-regarded video, *The Power of Vision*, "Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision is making a positive difference." **Featured PeaceBuilder, Larry Powell**, interim superintendent of schools of a California county is a living example of how one person with a single vision took action by giving up \$800,000 worth of salary to fund several vital programs in his cash-strapped district, as well as earmarking a portion to fund a national anti-bullying group's efforts.

Now, you may not have to have \$800,000 worth of salary to donate in order to fund your vision of peace at your school or district. From grants, to state and federal funds, to corporate sponsorships and more, there are many ways to get funding for a violence prevention program, such as PeaceBuilders. Get started by checking out a **FREE funding resources list**.

Do you have a minute? If so, that's all the time you need to teach a lesson from our **FREE PeaceBuilders Minute Recipes for Building Peace** resource page! In addition to Minute Recipes, **PeaceBuilders Recipes for Peace** is a great time-saving implementation tool to have at your fingertips. Packaged in a smart, acrylic case Recipes for Peace includes 184 3"x5" note cards filled with dozens of hands-on and minds-on peace building lessons and activities for kids and adolescents. PeaceBuilders current members can order by clicking the highlighted Recipes for Peace link, choosing the members order form and scrolling down to the curriculum section. Non-members can order by clicking the highlighted Recipes for Peace link, choosing the non-members order form and scrolling down to implementation tools.

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To be successful at anything requires both vision and action, including being successful at peaceful parenting. Participating in a [parent training](#) is one way parents can brainstorm with trained professionals and other parents to create a vision of what peaceful parenting looks and feels like and ultimately to establish a sound parenting plan. Once a sound plan is in place, parents must move into action by modeling and reinforcing desired behaviors with plenty of praise. Praise can be anything from a simple written note, additional privileges or the fun of giving [incentives](#). Get creative!

Parents and students across the nation share a vision for change. If you missed it last month, check out the online survey conducted by Harris Interactive, on behalf of PeaceBuilders, which found that parents and children worry more about the dangers of bullies than illegal drug use and believe there should be more resources available to students who experience bullying in schools. [Harris Poll Results](#)

As PeaceBuilders, one of the most powerful ways we can put action behind our vision of ensuring a safe, positive and productive learning environment for each child is by supporting local and national bullying legislation. PeacePartners, on behalf of PeaceBuilders, is committed to supporting state legislatures across the country by writing letters of support for bullying prevention bills, providing expert testimony and hosting press events. PeaceBuilders' efforts in California alone have resulted in the passing of AB 746 (Campos), which ensures children are protected from cyber-bullying. Two new bills await Governor Jerry Brown's signature, which must be signed by midnight on Sunday, October 9th: AB 9 (Ammiano), which puts school safety first by creating a safe school environment and AB 1156 (Eng), which expands the definition of bullying, linking it to academic performance, as well as requiring school personnel to take bullying prevention trainings. Consider contacting your local representative in support of these bills. [New anti-bullying legislation](#)

You'll be inspired by New York designer, writer and [PeaceBuilder Parent, Alabama Chanin's blog entry](#) in honor of the recent anniversary of 9/11. Out of tragedy, she finds comfort, clarity and hope in the [PeaceBuilders Pledge](#) that is recited at her daughter's school every day. Her vision and call to action for us all to live as PeaceBuilders is a testament to the important work we all do as PeaceBuilders every day!

Thank you for relying on PeaceBuilders as a Best Practice and resource. We appreciate your partnership in our collective vision for peace at home, at school and in our communities. Together as PeaceBuilders, our actions get us closer to realizing our vision. We want to hear from you! For questions and comments, please call: **877-4PEACENOW** or email us at: info@peacebuilders.com. For instant access to free resources, timely news and events get connected:



Peacefully yours,

A black rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script.

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