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**Regional *Breaking Ranks* 2013 School Showcase**

**April 20, 2013; San Diego, CA**

**Reston, VA** – The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Center for Secondary School Redesign (CSSR) are excited to announce the first ever Regional *Breaking Ranks* School Showcase taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the San Diego Met High School in San Diego, CA. The Regional Showcase is a by-product of the highly successful National *Breaking Ranks* School Showcase that takes place each year as part of the NASSP annual conference. The unique and highly informative Regional Showcase will convene school leaders, teachers, and students from the nation’s top middle and high schools located west of the Mississippi River and will bring them together to discuss and share effective practices, programs, and strategies with colleagues from across the country.

The Regional Showcase will take place from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the San Diego Met High School located on the campus of San Diego Mesa College. “This Regional Showcase provides a wonderful opportunity to learn from and interact with principals, teacher leaders, and students representing exemplary middle-level and high school practices” said JoAnn Bartoletti, NASSP executive director. “This event is a tremendous value-added benefit to NASSP Conference attendees.” Schools are chosen to present on the basis of their outstanding reputations for quality and innovative practices with challenging populations. At the Regional Showcase, they will share stories of implementing the *Breaking Ranks* Framework for school improvement created by NASSP.

“The schools presenting at this first Regional Showcase are truly inspirational,” said Jason Midwood, CSSR director of quality assurance. “As they share their stories of implementing the *Breaking Ranks* Framework, participants will become energized about the possibilities. By engaging in deep conversation around specific student-centered challenges schools on the west coast are faced with, they will learn strategies that can be implemented in their own learning environments so that transformational change can take place.”

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The 2013 Regional Showcase schools scheduled to present are:

- Alvarado Intermediate School – Rowland Heights, CA
- Arkansas City High School – Arkansas, KS
- Dodge City Middle School – Dodge City, KS
- Forest Grove High School – Forest Grove, OR
- Granger Junior High School – National City, CA
- Napa High School – Napa, CA
- School of Digital Media and Design at Kearny High School – San Diego, CA
- The Academy of Information and Technology (AOIT) at Hoover High School – San Diego, CA
- The Preuss School UCSD – La Jolla, CA
- The San Diego Met High School – San Diego, CA
- William Thomas Middle School – American Falls, ID

The Regional Showcase offers 90-minute interactive presentations, plenty of team collaboration time, and informal discussions that provide participants an opportunity to engage with school representatives, students, and other educators from around the country. Secondary school administrators are highly encouraged to bring teams of educators from their school to learn new techniques and strategies that will motivate and inspire the redesign process. Past participants have called this type of event “powerful,” “incredibly informative,” and “some of the best professional development I’ve ever received.”

Recommendations and strategies discussed at this year’s Regional Showcase will include, personalized learning and teaching, utilizing data to improve student achievement, learning beyond the classroom, creating and sustaining a student-centered school culture, project-based learning, empowering effective teachers, changing school culture through collaboration, student-centered instructional strategies, increasing parental involvement, and creating and maintaining a successful college-going culture.



For Regional Showcase fees and to register go to [www.nassp.org/regionalschoolshowcase](http://www.nassp.org/regionalschoolshowcase). For information or other questions on the Regional Showcase, please contact Jason Midwood, CSSR director of quality assurance by calling 401-828-0077 or via e-mail at [jaymidwood@cssr.us](mailto:jaymidwood@cssr.us).

### **About NASSP**

NASSP is the leading organization of and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and all school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world. The association provides research-based professional development and resources, networking, and advocacy to build the capacity of middle level and high school leaders to continually improve student performance. Reflecting its longstanding commitment to student leadership development as well, NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society, and National Association of Student Councils. For more information about NASSP, located in Reston, VA, visit [www.nassp.org](http://www.nassp.org).

### **About CSSR**

Founded in 2005 by Joe DiMartino, The Center for Secondary School Redesign, Inc. (CSSR) has become a leading provider of ground breaking technical assistance to support both policy change and change leadership at the district and school level leading to a richer secondary school experience for all youth. CSSR provides education leaders with the tools and strategies to create schools that have collaborative leadership, are professional learning communities that personalize the school culture, and have student-centered instruction, assessment, and curriculum. CSSR has been designated by NASSP as the primary technical assistance provider of Breaking Ranks II™ and Breaking Ranks in the Middle™. For more information about CSSR, located in West Warwick, RI, visit [www.cssr.us](http://www.cssr.us) or call 401-828-0077.