

Dr. Santiago Wood is a graduate of the University of San Francisco with a Doctorate degree in Education and Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Management degrees from Armstrong University in Berkeley. Dr. Wood also holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Governance and Leadership (Superintendent's Academy Program) from Harvard Graduate School of Business. He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the National Association for Bilingual Education in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Dr. Wood has extensive experience in public school and higher education teaching, administration and governance. His training and experience throughout his 30 year education and business career has allowed him to focus on instructional leadership, School Board training and development, human resources and personnel services, professional development and staff training, parent education and involvement, financial management and technology systems, capital bond campaigns and school construction, voluntary desegregation and school choice, charter schools implementation, special education services, bilingual education and international education programs.

Dr. Wood served for more than 17 years as Superintendent of schools in various urban school districts in the State of California with very diverse student populations during some of the most turbulent and economically challenging times in the history of the state of California. During Dr. Wood's tenure as Superintendent in Fresno, the 3rd largest school district in the state of California, he provided direct leadership in School accountability, alignment and adoption of the first ever Blueprint for Academic Success and a Pre-K-8 Reading and Language Arts standards-based adoption.

Dr. Wood led the overseas bilingual teachers and administrators recruitment for the State of California that led to the establishment of the first ever Mexican Office of Education branch in Sacramento, CA. Dr. Wood is one of the first US Superintendents of Schools to be recognized and honored by governments of Mexico, Spain, Japan and the Philippines for his tireless work to share in educational improvement and international teacher exchanged and global relations. In 2007, Dr. Wood was honored by the Mexican Government with the distinguished and coveted "Ohtli" Mexican Presidential Award for his dedication and contributions to the Mexican American Community in the US. He was also honored as "Amigo de la Prensa Hispana" for his monthly education roundtable on Spanish Radio and TV in San Jose and Fresno, CA. In addition, Dr. Santiago Wood, an American Council on Education Fellow, has received numerous State and National recognitions as "Educator of the Year" by the California Legislature and the US Congress, as well as the NAACP, the National Urban League, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the US Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Wood is married and is the proud father of three children.

