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**PALO ALTO PARTNERS IN EDUCATION TAPS EDUCATION  
ADVOCATE AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Kathy Schroeder Hired After Nationwide Search**

**April 5, 2010 - PALO ALTO, CA** - Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE), announced today that Kathy Schroeder will be their new Executive Director, effective May 10. A Palo Alto resident since receiving her MBA at Stanford, Kathy has worked as a tireless PAUSD volunteer on parcel tax, bond, and school board campaigns, as well as other local initiatives. In addition, Kathy has held multiple PTA leadership roles, and has consulted professionally for EdSource, a non-profit organization focused on providing information about public education.

PiE conducted a nationwide search which yielded dozens of applicants from all over the country, many of whom were highly qualified. The eight-member Executive Director search committee was comprised of a broad cross-section of the PiE board.

“We believe that Kathy’s passion for PiE’s mission, combined with her impressive professional skills, qualify her for all facets of our Executive Director role,” said Melinda Christopherson, PiE VP and Search Committee Chair. “We’re confident that Kathy is the right person to help us achieve all of PiE’s goals”.

**ABOUT PALO ALTO PARTNERS IN EDUCATION:**

Palo Alto Partners in Education is a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation that enhances educational excellence for every student in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). It is the only foundation dedicated exclusively to raising funds for all PAUSD schools, and the only one whose contributions can pay for additional and much needed PAUSD teachers and staff. Since PiE’s inception in 2004-2005, it has donated nearly \$12 million to Palo Alto schools. For more information about PiE, please visit [www.papie.org](http://www.papie.org).

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