Working and making change in education today is complex, and collaboration is an essential component to maximizing successful outcomes. As I look around our community, I am inspired by the stakeholders dedicated to creating opportunities for our young people to succeed. This is especially true in the area of workforce development.

On Friday, May 16th, Tom Torlakson, California Superintendent of Public Instruction, hosted a meeting with Congressman Mark Takano, Assemblyman Jose Medina, Superintendent of Riverside County Kenn Young, IBEW Labor Leaders Robert Frost and Bill Perez, and Laurie Stalnecker. The group discussed establishing a career pathway for young people to become electricians and because this involves Algebra, I was brought into the discussion. This is an example of the collaborative spirit of the region which is actively seeking positive change!