

# MIND Research Institute

A neuroscience and education research-based non-profit corporation

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## **Silicon Valley Public-Private Partnership Funds Grants to Support Elevating Math Achievement** *24 schools selected in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties*

SANTA ANA, California, July 28, 2009 – This fall, the Silicon Valley Math Initiative, will provide thousands of students and their teachers at 24 schools and 13 school districts in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties with a unique software-based approach to learning math. The Silicon Valley Math Initiative is a new 5-year community partnership between the non-profit education researcher and publisher MIND Research Institute, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and local corporate and private supporters such as Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Herrick, Price Waterhouse Coopers, and Cisco.

“The math education crisis in America requires a commitment to innovation in our schools,” said Ted Smith, Chairman & CEO of MIND Research Institute. “As a spin-out from UC Irvine, MIND developed K-5 and middle school research-based instructional software that engages students and is effective in helping them learn math. Over 118,000 students in 16 states are succeeding with the software. In the Orange County Math Initiative, launched in low-performing schools in 2008, there is excellent progress being made and it is being expanded to 95 schools this Fall.”

MIND’s ST Math instructional software is already being implemented in 23 schools in the San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and has positively benefited sites such as Anderson Elementary in San Jose where after using the program for one year; the percent of 2nd grade students at proficiency increased by 26 points to 46% and 4th graders increased 30 points to 39%. In addition, the overall Academic Performance Index for the school as a whole increased by 36 points versus a one year target of just 8 points.

Schools participating in the math initiative receive the ST Math instructional software, intensive training and support for instructors, and professional development in leadership training for administrators.

“In this year of continued school budget cuts, this is an unusually generous offer,” said Chuck Weis, Superintendent of the Santa Clara County Office of Education. “We look forward to this partnership and supporting those public schools with the greatest growth potential.”

### **About the MIND Research Institute**

The MIND Research Institute is a neuroscience and education research-based, non-profit corporation. MIND applies its distinctive visual approach to illustrating concepts and building problem-solving skills as the basis for innovative, research-proven math education programs for elementary and secondary schools. For more information, visit <http://www.mindresearch.net>

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