**Award-Winning Author Dr. Michele Borba to Host  
“From Surviving to Thriving!” Free Webinar Series for Parents**

*The first 1,000 registrants from California will receive Dr. Borba’s new book, Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine*.

**RIVERSIDE –** Internationally-recognized parent educator, speaker, and author of 24 books, Dr. Michele Borba, will host two different four-part virtual learning engagements for students, parents, and educators entitled “From Surviving to Thriving!”

The series is organized by the California Department of Education, Riverside County Office of Education, and El Dorado Office of Education. Designed for families, educators, and all champions for kids and youth, the spring series of webinars will debut on April 8, and the summer series will debut on June 2.

In the sessions, Dr. Borba will guide participants from across California through each chapter of her latest book, *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine*. She will outline the seven essential character traits that help children thrive, including the ability to nurture a caring heart, develop a strong mind and cultivate a determined will. Participants will leave each session with relatable and applicable ideas to help students learn and grow.

Spring Webinar Series

* **Session #1** – ***Raising Confident, Resilient, Ready-For-Life Kids***  
  April 8, 2021 - 5-6 p.m. PST
* **Session #2** – ***Building Social-Emotional Intelligence In Our Kids So They Have Empathy and Self-Control***  
  April 15, 2021 - 5-6 p.m. PST
* **Session #3** – ***Enhancing Children’s Integrity And Curiosity So They Are Open To People And Ideas And Follow Your Moral Code***  
  April 22, 2021 - 5-6 p.m. PST
* **Session #4** – ***Raising Children With Perseverance And Optimism In An Uncertain World***  
  April 29, 2021 - 5-6 p.m. PST
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Following the completion of the Spring Webinar Series, the four sessions will be offered again as the Summer Webinar Series from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST on June 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Free registration for the Spring Webinar Series is available at: <http://bit.ly/399GNX8>. Free registration for the Summer Webinar Series is available at <http://bit.ly/3cc9Yuq>. Participants can attend any of the live sessions of their choice, or view the sessions on their own as they will be recorded and available to registrants following the live events.

“As children across California begin returning to school campuses, educators and parents will need to adjust their approach to working with students who have been changed by the traumatic upheaval of the last year,” said Dr. Michele Borba. “I look forward to sharing the results of my research to better prepare our students to emerge from survival mode and embrace new opportunities to thrive.”

“As parents and educators, learning what it takes for students to thrive is mission-critical information in the quest to help students achieve educational goals,” said Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez. “Dr. Borba is a student of students, and we invite parents to register for this free webinar series to learn from her expansive research and insights.”

Dr. Ed Manansala, El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, noted, “Families and educators learning together to most effectively instill traits that allow students to thrive in every aspect our society must be our new normal. The time is now to transition learners from simply surviving to fully thriving in today’s complex world. The research and strategies Dr. Michele Borba presents in this webinar series will do just that.”

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