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Jeff Vincent is Deputy Director and Co-Founder of the Center for Cities & Schools in the Institute of Urban and Regional Development at the University of California-Berkeley. He has worked in city planning and community development related positions for more than 10 years in addition to working for five years as an instructor at a Montessori farm school. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts (anthropology and environmental studies) and a Master of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of California –Berkeley. His research looks at the intersection of land use planning, public education, school facility planning, and community development. His dissertation, “Planning and Siting New Public Schools in the Context of Community Development: The California Experience,” won a UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Dissertation Fellowship in 2005.

In 2004, Jeff co-founded the Center for Cities & Schools (<http://citiesandschools.berkeley.edu>), an interdisciplinary action-oriented think tank working to promote high quality education as an essential component of urban and metropolitan vitality to create equitable and sustainable cities and schools for all. The Center conducts research, provides education and facilitates collaborative policy making between local governments and school districts to help improve urban and metropolitan communities *and* public education.

Jeff’s recent publications include:

“Re-Visioning School Facility Planning and Design for the 21st Century: Creating Optimal Learning Environments.” Roundtable Proceedings Report prepared for the California Department of Education, 2009.

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