



CCSESA Leadership Link

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Executive Director's Corner

If the last five years have been marked by having to do more with less, the next five years will be marked by the need for effective collaboration. The state budget reflects a dramatic shift away from state-directed categorical programs towards local collaborative efforts to support priority programs.

In terms of school accountability, the budget generally envisions a system modeled after AB 1200, but leaves virtually all the important details to the State Board of Education. We will need to work closely with the California Department of Education and State Board of Education as they establish the new California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. This has the potential, like FCMAT, to be an important center of expertise to help build capacity and consistency in school districts and county offices throughout the state.

By January 31, 2014, the State Board must adopt regulations regarding the use of supplemental and concentration grants. This will have major implications not only for the school districts that counties serve, but also for court and community school programs. Much of the funding for those programs will now come from supplemental and concentration grants.

By March 31, 2014, the State Board must adopt the template for the Local Control and Accountability Plans. This will form the basis for important and ongoing dialogue between county offices and school districts. The template for the county offices will also define the elements that must be in a plan developed by the superintendent and adopted by the county board of education.

Peter Birdsall, Executive Director

Leadership Spotlight: Christine Lizardi Frazier, Kern County Superintendent



What led you to become County Superintendent?

It was never a goal of mine to serve in this role. I was fortunate to have mentors that encouraged and opened doors for me. Dr. Larry Reider, retired Kern County Superintendent, showed me that leadership is more about relationships and doing the right thing than any required skill set.

What inspired you to enter the field of education?

At Arizona State University, I volunteered in a school for the mentally retarded. That was actually the term used in those days. As I worked with them, I quickly realized that these students had

great potential and were being taught by a kind but very ineffective teacher. I knew in that moment that I could not turn my back. Imagine how I could help these kids if I actually knew what I was doing!

Do you have a particular goal that drives you?

When I enter a room I get instant recognition. People greet me, they give me personal attention, and they even laugh at my jokes. A few years ago I would enter a room and barely would get a nod. I haven't forgotten that feeling. We have so many dedicated educators in not only Kern County but in the state who never receive this kind of recognition. With my newfound fame, I try every day to make sure that teachers and administrators get credit for their hard work and dedication to students.

What objectives do you hope to achieve?

We absolutely must close the achievement gap for all

students. Not only is this an economic necessity but in the Governor's words, "it is a moral imperative."

How important is balance in your life?

Superintendents tend to take on their role 24/7. As a result, balance is of the essence in terms of mental health. I will always remember my daughter's comment as we spent time together, "Mom, do you want me to take minutes for the meeting you are having in your head?" I will never forget this important lesson in making sure you are present for your family.

Who are the special people in your life?

Personally, my husband, our three adult children and my four terrific grandchildren bring me joy beyond measure. On a professional level, my leadership team who, through their youth, energy and idealism, inspire me every day!

Counties on the Move for Arts Learning

Knowing that the visual and performing arts contribute to effective schools, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative continues to build capacity for arts education at the state, region, county, and local levels. As part of this effort, CCSESA released the *Counties on the Move* publication which provides representative examples of county superintendents' support for arts education.

This CCSESA publication demonstrates the variety of arts education projects, programs, planning strategies, and collaborations provided by county offices of education. Check out what is happening in counties across California. To view the publication, go to: [http://www.ccsesaarts.org/CCSESA_FILES//CCS_Arts_Initiative_Pub_Web\(1\).pdf](http://www.ccsesaarts.org/CCSESA_FILES//CCS_Arts_Initiative_Pub_Web(1).pdf)

A copy of the publication is in the mail to all county superintendents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCSS Parent Handbook: Available in 18 languages, the California Department of Education recently finalized additional translations of CCSESA's Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Parent Handbook. The translations are available at http://www.ccsesa.org/index/sp_CommonCoreStandards.cfm.

CCBE Fall Conference: The California County Boards of Education (CCBE) fall conference is scheduled for September 27-29, 2013 in Monterey. County board members and superintendents are invited to attend. For more information and to register, see: <http://www.thecbbe.org/Resources/CalendarOfEvents/2013CCBEFallConference.aspx>.

General Membership Meeting: The next General Membership meeting will be held on June 23-25 at the Hotel Maya in Long Beach. Agenda topics will include the election of the 2014 CCSESA President-Elect, a showcase of best practices by Region 11, and discussions regarding the state budget and Local Control Funding Formula.

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County Superintendents Moving On

The end of the 2012-13 school year marks the departure of four county superintendents. Vicki Barber (El Dorado), Stan Hardeman (Sierra), Larry Powell (Fresno) and Lisa Fontana (Alpine) will begin the next phases of their lives after serving a combined 35 years as county superintendents.

CCSESA would like to issue a special thank you to these great educators who have shown incredible skill and dedication in working for the students in their counties and across the state. We will miss you all, and wish you continued success in the future.

In their stead, we look forward to welcoming Patrick Traynor (Alpine), Jeremy Meyers (El Dorado) and Jim Yovino (Fresno). Sierra County has not selected a successor as yet. Rich DuVarney will fill Mr. Hardeman's role as CCSESA liaison to the Small School Districts Association (SSDA), and Christine Lizardi Frazier (Kern) will become the chair of the Business Partnerships Committee, taking over for Dr. Barber.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hardeman and Dr. Fontana will be unable to attend, but we look forward to honoring Dr. Barber and Mr. Powell in Long Beach at Monday night's dinner.

Proposition 39 Implementation

As part of the 2013-14 budget package, the Legislature passed SB 73 to implement Proposition 39. SB 73 allocates 89% of Proposition 39 funds (roughly \$381 million in 2013-14) to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, state special schools, and community colleges (LEAs) based on their Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Specifically, 85% is allocated based on ADA and 15% based on the number of students eligible for free and reduced priced meals in the prior year.

Key features of the implementation include:

- **Accountability:** LEAs must utilize a simple expenditure plan form developed by the Energy Commission to outline the energy projects to be funded prior to the release of funds, and the plan must be approved by the Energy Commission. However, a portion of the funds may be distrib-

uted to an LEA upon request for energy audits and other plan development activities prior to submission of the plan.

- **Support for Small Districts:** Minimum grants are established for small K-12 LEAs, and the smallest districts (LEAs with 1,000 students or fewer) may bundle two years of their annual allotment in year one to support greater energy savings.
- **Extending Program Beyond Five-Year Sunset:** A revolving loan fund will be established each year to provide financing assistance. The repayment of these funds will ensure the program is available in later years for continued investment in energy savings.

To view SB 73 in its entirety, please visit http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_73_bill_20130617_enrolled.pdf.

CCSESA Award Nominations

CCSESA is soliciting nominations for five annual awards, four of which align with AESA's national awards to recognize outstanding contributions to educational service agency (ESA) programs. The CCSESA/AESA awards acknowledge contributions for: Executive Leadership, Legislator of the Year, Professional Publication and technological innovation.

In addition, CCSESA awards the Perpetual Award for Outstanding Accomplishments. Watch for details on the nomination process, prior nominees, and timelines from CCSESA following the June CCSESA meeting. Nominations will be due at the end of July. Awards will be presented at the October General Membership meeting in Sonoma County.