



# THE CORE

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## Calendar of Events

December 4-6, 2008

CSBA Annual Education Conference

Manchester Grand Hyatt- San Diego, CA

12/3	Wed.	CCBE Executive Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.
12/4	Thur.	CCBE Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
12/5	Fri.	CCBE General Membership Meeting 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

### CCBE Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

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### Holidays (Office Closed)

January 1	New Year's Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Day
February 18	Presidents Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 10	CSBA Holiday
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	CSBA Holiday
December 22-	CCBE Office Closed
January 2, 2009	

### The CORE Committee

Sara Wilkins, Co-Chair

Cathie Bustos, Co-Chair

Felix Elizalde, Committee Member

Doug Ford/Bessie Hironimus, Pictures

Naomi O'Rear, Editor and Designer

Roger Nobienksy, Header Design

## President's Message

Stop the Insanity. Stop the Fraud.

**By Dr. John W. Bedell**

(Orange CDE)

What are we California taxpayers to believe? Their schools are well funded? Children are learning? The state is honoring its Proposition 98 commitments?

Since January, we have heard that we have a \$14 billion problem, or is it \$19 billion, or is it \$21 billion or is it \$6 billion? These are all numbers that, at some point, were offered by those "in the know".

Over the years, we have seen our Sacramento leaders of both parties play accounting games. They count money that is from next year. They pass on to the schools and other government entities expenses that were once covered by the state. The shell games get more creative each year, and the taxpayer has every reason to be confused, perplexed and even falsely content that "things in Sacramento" are well managed. But are they? I suggest they are not. The public has voted to support public schools. Proposition 98 was an attempt to protect our children's education. But through "creative financing" the proposed budget for next year is over \$4 billion short of what would be needed just to provide the services that were provided this year. This, they dare to say, is "protecting 98". What it is, at best, is a deception and, at worst, it is fraud.

Now we hear the Governor has a solution. What is it? "Offload" the lottery. When the voters approved the lottery, it was then "sold" partially on helping the schools with lottery revenue. Now he wants to "sell" it again. This time to Wall Street. If lottery revenues decline, the schools will "pay" through a loss of revenue under this new scheme. The Governor's lottery "offload" is no more than another budget gimmick. It is another loan but in a different wrapping. When you put lipstick on a pig, you still have a pig. To sweeten the sale, voters are told to agree with it or our sales taxes will be raised. We now have blackmail and/or bribery added to the fraud and insanity.

What do we know? Research shows students learn more and best if class size is controlled. Current budget proposals will result in an increase in class size. We also know we have an achievement gap in California where low income minority students' performance on standardized tests needs our immediate attention. The current budget proposals reduce school resources dedicated to closing this gap. We know that federal regulations from "No Child Left Behind" are looming and their resultant punishments are hitting school districts just at a time when the money needed to bring schools into compliance is being threatened.

We know some of our youngest and brightest teachers have been laid off. They are lost to the profession and to our children. The threat of more layoffs is real and morale certainly will not be enhanced for those whose jobs are not eliminated this budget cycle. Unless we have serious budget reform, many of those teachers returning in fall of 2008 will be absent in fall 2009.

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# San Bernardino County Board Names School After Dr. David Stine

By unanimous vote, the San Bernardino County Board of Education has selected the name of the new school in Montclair to be named David Stine Chaffey West County Community Day School. This decision was made at the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools board meeting on April 7, 2008.

Ten nominations were considered in naming this new school, scheduled to be opened in August, with the final decision being a combination of two suggestions. The new David Stine Chaffey West County Community Day School, located at 5033 Holt Ave. in Montclair, is to replace the existing Chaffey West Community Day School in Montclair. The new community day school will provide 80 at-risk junior and senior high school students with educational services.

President of the County Board of Education and CCBE Board of Director, Al Warner, commented on the selected name by saying, "The public made several outstanding recommendations for the naming of the school. Dr. Stine is an outstanding choice for the name of the new facility for his long-lasting contribution to public education in San Bernardino County as a teacher, administrator and County Board member."

Dr. Stine was president of CCBE in 1995, was formally a member of CSBA's Delegate Assembly and was principal of Chaffey High School from 1984 through 1988. He is currently a professor at CSU San Bernardino.

Over the last 18 years Dr. Stine has served on San Bernardino's County Board, serving as the board president five times. This year Stine serves as the vice-president.

"I am very humbled to have this honor bestowed on me," said Dr. Stine. "I'm very thankful of the efforts of the County Board, the county superintendent and the County Office of Education for their vision to develop these facilities for our students."

Congratulations to Dr. David Stine!



Above, County Superintendent, Herbert R. Fischer, Ph.D. (front row left) with the San Bernardino County Board (front row center to right) Al Waner, Ed.D.; David O. Stine, Ed.D.; (back row left to right) Mark Sumpter; Gil Navarro; Tom Rabone



Dr. David Stine

# CCBE Says Goodbye to Director Diana Narvaez

After a wonderful year and a half, CCBE Director, Diana Narvaez, is leaving. Diana has worked as the CCBE Director since November 2006. Recently her husband, Diego, graduated from California State University, Sacramento, with a computer engineering degree. Diego has accepted a position with a firm in Seattle, Washington. Sadly, Diana left CCBE on June 25, 2008. She will pursue a career in project management. She recently became a Certified Associate Project Manager from the Project Management Institute (PMI) in April 2008.

In leaving, Diana is quoted as saying, "Thank you CCBE members for everything. It was very nice working with you and getting to know everyone, especially the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Best wishes to all of you, always."

Best wishes to you too, Diana!



## President's Message

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What can you do?

1. Call your local school districts;
2. Find out what the budget cuts mean for your local schools in both dollars and programs lost;
3. Then contact your local legislators. Don't know who they are? Go to the "Government Pages" of your telephone directory and check under California State of Assembly and California State of Senate.
4. Share with your legislators your dismay and discontent about the budget cuts' impacts on your local schools (#2 above).
5. Ask your legislators to:
  - Commit to budgetary honesty by stopping the annual frauds and gimmicks that now characterize California's Sacramento summer;
  - Identify predictable revenue streams so that school districts can plan better and provide services to children the taxpayers have a right to expect;
  - Show the courage to protect California's future by protecting California's children of today.
6. Don't be shy. Let your City Council members, Home Owners Association and any others who do and/or should value an educated citizenry that their local schools are clearly threatened.
7. Contact the Governor {phone: (916) 445-2841 or fax: (916) 558-3160}. Tell him you want California's tomorrow protected by protecting California's children today. Share with him what his budget means to your local schools and that this budget is unacceptable.
8. Register and vote.

I have seen many budget crises since coming to California in 1969. We are still recovering from them. Unless 2008 represents a major change in how we "do budget" in California, the state will sink below its ranking of 46<sup>th</sup> in dollars spent on education. Mess with education and you mess with California. Help put an end to this "messaging" by getting involved to stop the fraud and insanity.

## 2008 CSBA/CCBE Legislative Conference



CSBA and CCBE members on the State Capital lawn marching against the proposed budget cuts

CCBE was pleased to join CSBA again this year in being part of the Legislative Conference. The Legislative Conference was a place where we were able to share and receive valuable information regarding the pressing issues we are currently facing in California. Over the two day conference, we worked very closely with school district board members and county superintendents and joined together as one big voice for education in order to address the state budget cuts that will be detrimental to our children if we do not put a stop them.

## CCBE Welcomes Naomi O'Rear

Naomi O'Rear will serve as our temporary administrative assistant. Naomi has worked for CSBA in various departments including Human Resources, Building Services and the Governance Institute. Her responsibilities in these departments included high level administrative support for department managers. She is highly skilled in MS Office, is attentive to details and very organized.

Please welcome Naomi to CCBE.



# An Invite from CSBA's President, Paul Chatman

From CSBA President Paul Chatman to County Boards of Education

It has been my honor to serve as President of CSBA for the past seven months — it has been quite a year so far! As President, I adopted a lapel pin in the shape of a puzzle piece as a symbol of the many pieces needed to put together the picture of what it takes to provide a meaningful, world-class education for all of our students to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

CSBA's Annual Education Conference is where you will find the tools to piece the puzzle together. I am excited to tell you that a broad and rich program encompassing issues affecting county offices of education and school districts has been planned by a group of outstanding board members and superintendents, including Lynne Craig from the Riverside County Office of Education.

I'd like to welcome all county board members and superintendents to this year's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (December 4-6 in San Diego). I know you will find ways to meet your county's challenges from among the more than 350 sessions being offered. In fact, representatives from CCBE and CCSESA will be reviewing the conference sessions and highlighting those that they believe are of particular benefit to county board members and superintendents. All the details, including a preview of our outstanding general session speakers can be found at [www.csba.org/aec](http://www.csba.org/aec).

As education leaders, you know first hand about the very difficult budget decisions that are being made and their tremendous impact on our students. CSBA is doing everything possible for all education leaders to attend. Rates for the conference and the hotel remain unchanged from last year and early bird registration is available through July 31.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego as we continue to work together. Thank you for being part of the collaborative spirit that unites us on behalf of all the schoolchildren.



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## Conference Timeline

### April 4

Deadline for Call for Proposal submissions. Annual Education Conference and Trade Show Committee reads and evaluates Call for Proposal Submissions

### June 1

Conference program is developed with final edits

### June 16

Early bird conference registration opens for 2008 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. This special promotion ends July 31, 2008 or until sold out.

### June 17

Early bird housing registration opens for 2008 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. This special promotion ends July 31, 2008 or until sold out.

### July 1

Workshop chairs/primary contacts are notified by mail of acceptance or rejection

### August 1

Limited exhibitor table talk opportunities announced, proposals due to CSBA by August 1

### August 20

CSBA regular housing registration opens for Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

### November 6

Housing reservations: last day to make changes. Pre-registration ends. On-site registration begins

### December 3

Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members; Student Achievement Symposium; Orientation for New Trustees

### December 4 - 6

CSBA 2008 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Diego



## 2008 Board of Directors

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## 2008 CCBE Committees

### Awards

Sophia Waugh, 2007 & 2008 Chair—LACOE  
 Lynne Craig—Riverside COE  
 Susan Hartley—San Diego COE<sup>3</sup>

### Boardmanship

Elizabeth Parker, Co-Chair—Orange CDE  
 Beverly Gerard, Co-Chair—San Mateo COE

### Bylaws

Sara Wilkins, Chair—Madera COE  
 Kathleen Willbanks—Sonoma COE

### Historian

Bessie Hironimus, Chair—Butte COE

### Legislative

Cathie Bustos—Madera COE  
 Earl O'Neal—Alpine COE  
 Kathleen Willbanks—Sonoma COE  
 M.L. Peterson—Ventura COE  
 Rudell Freer—Los Angeles COE  
 Sara Wilkins—Madera COE  
 Sharon Jones—San Diego COE  
 Sophia Waugh—Los Angeles COE  
 Dr. Herb Fischer—Superintendent—San Bernardino COE

### Nominating

Susan Manger, Chair—Imperial COE  
 Leon Beauchman—Santa Clara COE  
 Felix Rocha—Orange COE  
 Bessie Hironimus—Butte COE  
 Leon Bass—Madera COE

### Policy Platform

Pat Hicks, Chair—Lake COE  
 Sophia Waugh—Los Angeles COE  
 Cathie Bustos—Madera COE  
 Bessie Hironimus—Butte COE

### The CORE Newsletter

Sara Wilkins, Co-Chair—Madera COE  
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## CSBA Annual Education Conference 2008

# Save the Date

December 4-6, 2008 | Manchester Grand Hyatt/San Diego Convention Center | San Diego

Early Bird Conference/Housing Registration is open through July 31, 2008 for the 2008 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show.

Don't miss workshops such as these:

- Ethical Leadership-  
December 4, 8:30—9:45 a.m.
- Brown Act: Serious Fun-  
December 4, 3:45—5:00 p.m.
- Local collaboration on school siting —  
Scaling the curriculum wall with ROP  
classes -  
December 5, 10:00—11:15 p.m.

