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| 5:00 – 6:30 pm | **The Essential Practices for Collaborative Leadership**  
Monterey Ballroom  
In a world that is becoming more complex and divided, we can no longer pick sides but rather a direction that allows for our communities and school systems to thrive – the only way to do that is together, in a collaborative way. This interactive and engaging session introduces participants to the essential practices needed to lead collaboratively in the changing and challenging environment and allows you and your colleagues to come together and practice.  
This free pre-conference program is only available to members registered for the CCBE Annual Conference. Please RSVP here, [https://forms.gle/eRQXEUbAmarZpPeF9](https://forms.gle/eRQXEUbAmarZpPeF9).  
Lauren Ball, Senior Facilitator, Collaborative Commons; Scott Winter, Chief Facilitation Officer, Collaborative Commons |

**Friday, September 8**

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| 10:00 am – Noon | **CCBE Board of Directors Meeting**  
Grove  
The CCBE Board of Directors meeting is open to all members. |
| Noon – 12:45 pm | **First-Time Attendees Meetup**  
Big Sur 1-3  
Join the First-Time Attendees Meetup to learn the conference structure, session tracks, and networking opportunities. You will also hear more about CCBE and how you can get involved. |
| 1:00 – 2:15 pm | **Keynote | Politics, Money & Policy: Impacts to Public Education**  
Monterey Ballroom  
As we embark on the most significant and historic investments ever made in California public schools, the state is starting to experience the most significant drops in anticipated General Fund revenue in more than twelve years. Addressing this apparent conflict between big, new investments and the need to balance a challenging budget will result in various political dynamics. In addition, the wave of new legislators combined with the loss of key, experienced leaders in education policy will create new challenges for school leaders looking to influence priorities in the coming year.  
Kevin Gordon, President, Capitol Advisors Group; Jack O’Connell, Partner, Capitol Advisors Group; Rick Shea, President, San Diego COE; Barrett Snider, Partner, Capitol Advisors Group |
| 2:30 – 3:45 pm | **Build Community Relationships using a Bilingual Language and Literacy Initiative**  
Cypress 1-3  
Leading in challenging times requires strong partnerships, shared goals, and clear protocols. County Boards of Education and County Superintendents are uniquely positioned to convene and coordinate countywide efforts to create safe schools. The San Mateo County Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities provides a high-quality and replicable model for counties across the state. The Coalition’s protocols address emergency response, student threat assessment, suicide prevention, information sharing, and opioid overdoses and have been adopted by school districts countywide. Based on the Coalition model, Monterey County has also begun developing its Coalition of partners for safe schools.  
Krystal Lomanto, Superintendent, San Benito COE; Gregory Spencer, Vice President, Footsteps2Brilliance |
|              | **Fostering Countywide Commitment and Collaboration for Safe Schools**  
Monterey Ballroom  
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Deneen Guss, Superintendent, Monterey COE; Nancy Magee, Superintendent, San Mateo COE; Kristen Shouse, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, San Mateo COE |
Solving the Teacher Shortage: There's a RAP for That
Big Sur 1-3
Registered Apprenticeship Programs (aka RAPs) for teacher prep are coming to California. For the first time, US Department of Labor apprenticeship funding can now be used to fund job-embedded degrees for classified staff seeking to become teachers. In partnership with the College of the Siskiyous and Reach University, the Siskiyou County Office of Education is pioneering an apprenticeship-based "grow-your-own" talent pathway. This panel will address the following questions: What is a teacher apprenticeship? What does a COE need to do to launch a countywide teacher apprenticeship program? How can a COE best leverage federal and state funding to sustain grow-your-own talent pipelines?

Allan Carver, Superintendent, Siskiyou COE; Brenda Duchi, Trustee Siskiyou COE; Joe Ross, President, Reach University

CCBE President’s Welcome Reception
Spyglass Promenade
Join President John McPherson at the annual CCBE President's Welcome Reception. Enjoy this excellent opportunity to mingle with colleagues from across the state. You can build your nachos at the nacho station, enjoy the sweet station, or grab a tasty hors d'oeuvre as it passes by you. Please note that the no-host bar will only accept credit cards.

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| 8:00 – 10:15 am | CCBE General Membership Breakfast Meeting  
Pebble-Beach  
Agenda Packet: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s9oXShLQqOWJzQG-wls-mZi49AEWxbUT?usp=drive_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s9oXShLQqOWJzQG-wls-mZi49AEWxbUT?usp=drive_link)  
The CCBE general membership comprises county member boards that have paid the annual CSBA and CCBE membership dues in full. The general membership is responsible for the governance of the organization. Their duties are to initiate, review, amend, and adopt bylaws, policies, goals, objectives, and resolutions of CCBE, and elect CCBE officers and the nominating committee. |
| 10:30 – 11:45 am | Expulsion Appeals Are Back: A Primer for County Board of Education Members  
Big Sur 1-3  
This session will provide attendees with a step-by-step primer for County Board members sitting in their appellate role when hearing expulsion appeals, including all the recent changes in the law.  
Chesley “Chet” Quaide, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo |
| 10:30 – 11:45 am | Leading Interagency Collaboration to Help Vulnerable Students  
Pacific  
Interagency collaboration is paramount in serving vulnerable students. MCOE’s Foster Youth Services and Homeless Children and Youth Services will discuss their programs, alongside County Board Member John McPherson, on how they collaborate with governmental and nonprofit agencies to raise awareness on important issues like Human Trafficking, homelessness and supporting foster youth. Learn how they leverage relationships and resources to serve students and families better and how county offices are well poised to lead efforts in building consortiums and hosting summits to engage key education partners to serve students’ needs better.  
Justin Parker, Program Coordinator, Monterey COE; Donna Smith, Program Coordinator, Monterey COE; John McPherson, Vice President, Monterey COE |
| Noon – 1:30 pm | Lunch Keynote | Building Bridges and Collaboration  
Pebble-Beach  
Lee Angela Reid, Partner, Capital Advisors Group; Loretta Whitson, Executive Director, California Association of School Counselors |
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<td>This panel will discuss the importance of building a relationship with your local elected officials, how to advocate, and the successful collaboration around funding for juvenile court and community schools.</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Esquivel, Assistant Executive Director, Governmental Relations, California Association of School Business Officials; Derick Lennox, Senior Director, Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs, California County Superintendents; Chris Reeve, Legislative Director, Governmental Relations, California School Boards Association; and moderated by John McPherson, CCBE President, Monterey COE</td>
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<td>Charter School Reform Legislation: Implementation and Best Practices</td>
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<td>Recent reform legislation has dramatically changed the tools available to county boards for charter petition approval/appeal/renewal and oversight. This workshop will discuss legislative reform in the following areas: Charter school programmatic, community, and financial impact on communities; The new renewal criteria and the role of the California School Dashboard; New requirements governing equity in ethnicity, students with special needs, and English Language Learners; New developments impacting authorizers' oversight powers and obligations; and How the pandemic and distance learning changed charter petition review, renewal, and oversight. We will cover case studies demonstrating best practices to ensure that your county board is harmonized with county office staff regarding authorizer best practices, focusing on the unique roles and obligations of county boards in the petition and oversight processes under the Education Code. We will also discuss the role of countywide charters and county board-authorized charters in the charter school landscape.</td>
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<td>Free and Fun Insanely Great Resources for SEL and Wellness</td>
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<td>The mental health crisis among students is well documented. Depression, self-harm, fights and thoughts of suicide have brought children as young as 5 to emergency rooms. This session will provide you with targeted, no-cost, high-quality materials that can be delivered by classroom teachers to support SEL and health and wellness. Funded by foundations, these resources include web simulations, interactive apps, engaging virtual field trips as well as strategies to help students and faculty learn to be happy. (Yes, it can be learned!) There are materials for every grade band, most with additional family or community components, many in Spanish. Share them with your districts.</td>
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<td>Hall Davidson, Senior Director of Global Initiatives, Discovery Education; Don Huffman, President, Napa COE; Barbara Nemko, Superintendent, Napa COE</td>
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|      | **Got Community Schools? How to Help Districts Meet the Challenge**  
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In 2022, the State of California invested over 4 billion dollars into developing and expanding Community Schools across the state. A community school utilizes the whole-child approach to assess, identify and address student, family, and community needs. FCSS is providing essential support to rural school districts in planning for community schools and implementing the grant. The work includes assisting schools in identifying community assets and needs, engaging with parents and local partners, and creating a cohesive and tailored plan for their LEAs. MCOE will share best practices school leaders can engage community partners and promote shared decision-making and aligning resources to help students, families, and communities thrive.  
*Gina McNamara, Executive Leadership Coach, Fresno COE; Brent Smither, Program Coordinator of Safe and Healthy Kids, Fresno COE* |
|      | **Starting Your Board’s Shared Governance Journey**  
Pacific  
Your board has discussed the new CCBE Shared Governance Handbook, and you are ready to take the following steps. But what are the next steps? This session helps you identify the critical building blocks for your board’s shared governance journey with your county superintendent that fit your county’s needs and circumstances. Discuss the role of board goals and board evaluations. Consider how best to engage with the superintendent in this journey. Learn about milestones other counties have used, the progression to joint visions and shared mission that led to complementary board and superintendent goals/objectives, and powerful collaboration that benefits all.  
*Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee, Sacramento COE; David Patterson, Trustee, Placer COE; Michael Teasdale, Trustee, Ventura COE* |

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| 8:00 – 10:30 am | **Breakfast Keynote**  
Pebble-Beach  
**From Crisis to Collaboration: Nurturing Trust and Engagement in Public Schools**  
Effective communication and engagement are vital to successfully building trust in public education. School Communications veterans Judy Boring and Jessica Hull will share valuable insights, practical strategies for proactive public relations, and best practices for increasing trust and engagement. Their message will include how to be proactive rather than reactive when addressing media, parent, and student concerns; valuable tips on preparing and responding effectively; and unique strategies for increasing engagement within various educational partner groups. This presentation will equip you with the knowledge and tools to strengthen communication, build trust, and foster meaningful engagement within your educational community.  
*Judy Boring, Public Information Officer, Stanislaus COE; Jessica Hull, President, California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA)* |