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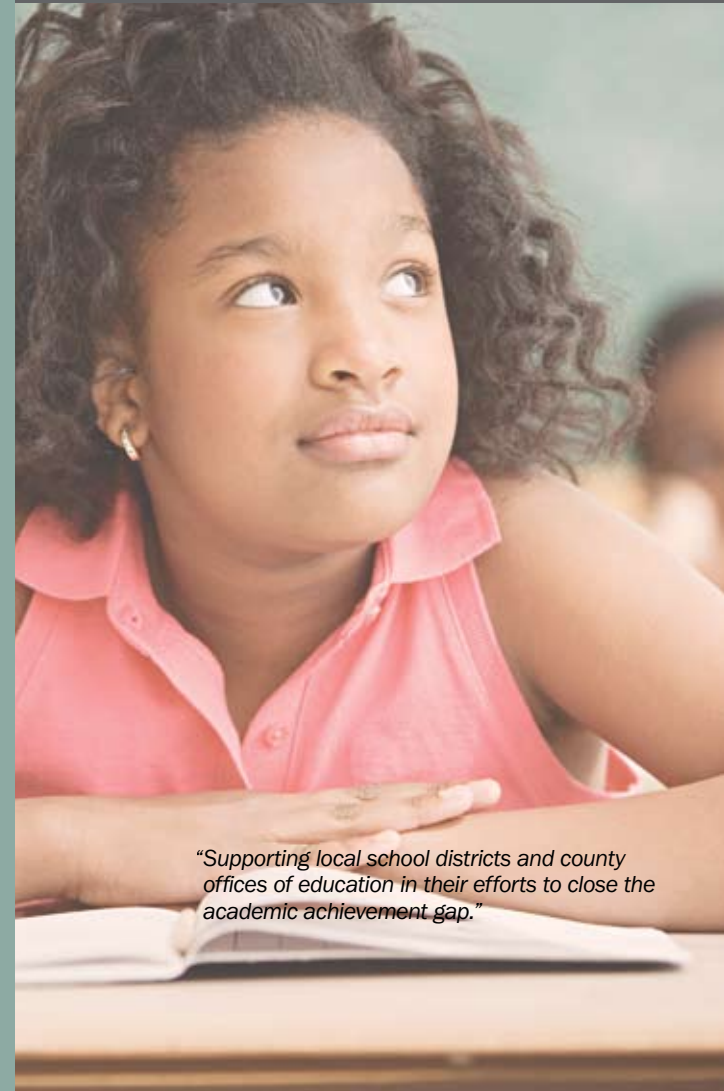
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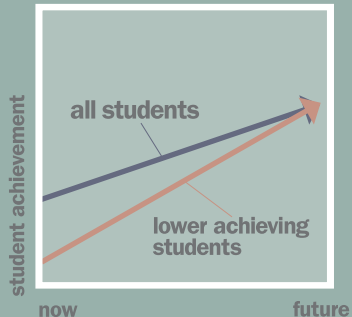
*"Supporting local school districts and county offices of education in their efforts to close the academic achievement gap."*



## Student Issues CONFERENCE GROUPS

CSBA's commitment to close the academic achievement gap is reflected in our vision that "... the futures of all children are driven by their aspirations, not bounded by their circumstances..."

In order to close the achievement gap, the achievement of all students must be improved and we must accelerate the achievement of our lower achieving students.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHAT ARE THE STUDENT ISSUES CONFERENCE GROUPS?

The conference groups are alliances comprised of people and districts that share an interest in working together to address the achievement and needs of these targeted groups of students:

- American Indians
- Asian Pacific Islanders
- Blacks
- Hispanics
- Students enrolled in a county-based community day or juvenile court school

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENT ISSUES CONFERENCE GROUPS?

- School board members and staff of districts or counties that serve significant populations of the targeted student groups
- Any board members interested in these students
- Higher education, research-based organizations, foundations and other interested groups
- Interested community, business and other civic leaders

### HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE STUDENTS ISSUES CONFERENCE GROUP?

The conference groups are not task forces, committees or councils. No "membership" in a conference group is required; only "participation."

### WHEN DO THE CONFERENCE GROUPS MEET?

*The conference group participants are encouraged to attend:*

- Locally organized meetings of board members, district/county staff and others.
- The Student Issues Conference Group sessions and other workshops focused on student achievement during the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Tradeshow.
- Other events and conferences, such as the Curriculum Institute and Celebrating Opportunities for Hispanic Students Conference to learn about strategies and programs to improve student learning.

### HOW DOES CSBA SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE STUDENT ISSUES CONFERENCE GROUPS?

- CSBA encourages, convenes and provides support for groups of board members, districts and counties to work together to find solutions to common problems, share lessons learned and track progress over time
- CSBA raises public awareness and provides information about the issues and needs of the targeted groups of students through our publications, information on our Web site, and targeted e-mail and mailings