



GR and FGR Team Application

"Excellence in Advocacy"

In an effort to engage more members and ensure that decision-makers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. receive a consistent message on critical education issues, CSBA has been working to develop its grassroots advocacy program. To strengthen our program, we need your help! Please consider joining a state or federal Governmental Relations Team. Under the leadership of a state or federal Governmental Relations Chair, team members provide a strong advocacy role for CSBA by working with members of the Legislature and Congress to ensure that new and reauthorized legislation is supportive of CSBA's policies and goals.

Join today! Simply complete and return the application to the Office of Governmental Relations. Completed applications can be faxed to the Governmental Relations office at (916) 325-4030 or mailed to Marites Ares, legislative analyst, 925 L Street, Suite 890, Sacramento, CA 95814. For more information, please e-mail govrel@csba.org.

Members of the GR/FGR Team are responsible for:

- Advocating on behalf of the students** attending California's public K-12 schools by responding to CSBA's *Action Alerts* and mobilizing additional grassroots activity, as appropriate.
- Participating in local and statewide efforts to educate members of the Legislature/Congress** on the state of California's public schools and the important roles of school boards, as well as the impact that legislative/congressional actions have on the state's ability to provide a quality education for all students.
- Representing CSBA's position on legislative, regulatory and budget issues** through the media and to the community-at-large.
- Building cooperative alliances** among fellow governing board members, assigned legislators/representatives, community and business leaders and the media.
- Actively engaging in face-to-face opportunities** by attending CSBA's Legislative Action Conference (GR Teams)/ NSBA's Federal Relations Network Conference (FGR Teams) and meeting with elected officials and staff at the local level.
- Supporting the regional director and the GRC/FGRC in grassroots activities**, as requested.

CONTACT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Title: _____ CSBA Region: _____

School district/county office of education: _____

Mailing address: _____

Day phone: _____ Cell phone (Optional): _____

CSBA counts on GRCs, FGRCs and team members at the local level to take a lead role in CSBA's advocacy campaigns. To facilitate communication and cooperation, CSBA may need to share your e-mail address with other team members assigned to the same legislator/representative.

Preferred e-mail address to share with team members: _____

GR & FGR TEAMS:

I'm interested in serving on the following team(s) for the 2009-10 legislative session (check and fill all that apply):

- GR Team (State Senate): State Senator: _____
- GR Team (Assembly): Assembly member: _____
- FGR Team: U.S. Representative: _____

I acknowledge that I understand the responsibilities of GR/FGR team members and pledge to fulfill them to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____