



CELEBRATING CASCWA'S EIGHTY YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN
We never quit only going stronger

THE TIME HAS COME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2018 CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE

KEEPING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

Exemplary Attendance Programs Recognized

Roll Call

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) AWARDED 27 SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF THEIR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARDS (SARBs). THESE DISTRICTS DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE IN PROVIDING THREE TIERS OF SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, LED TO BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST TIER ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS, ACTIVITIES IN THE SECOND TIER ARE EARLY INTERVENTIONS FOR MINOR ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS, AND ACTIVITIES IN THE THIRD TIER ADDRESS INTENSIVE BARRIERS TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

THE NUMBER OF MODEL SARBs IDENTIFIED WAS THREE TIMES THE NUMBER AWARDED IN 2015-16. THIS INCREASE DRAMATICALLY REFLECTS THE SUCCESS OF MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA TO KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL.

CHRONIC STUDENT ABSENTEEISM IS A CRISIS, DRAGGING DOWN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ONE IN FOUR CHILDREN IN SOME COMMUNITIES. CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CERTAIN GROUPS OF STUDENTS WILL DROP OUT OF SCHOOL, INCLUDING CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY, AFRICAN AMERICANS, NATIVE AMERICANS, FOSTER YOUTHS, AND OTHER AT-RISK STUDENTS. POOR ATTENDANCE AND HABITUAL TRUANCY ALSO COST CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR.

MODEL SARBs IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS NAMED BELOW SERVE AS MENTORS TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AS DISTRICTS DEVELOP THEIR OWN LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) GOALS, THE HOPE IS THAT THEY WILL ADOPT MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS TO REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATES AND DROPOUT RATES.

2016-17 Model School Districts with Excellent School Attendance Programs

- Alhambra Unified School District
- Alvord Unified School District
- Banning Unified School District
- Capistrano Unified School District
- Centinela Valley Union High School District
- China Valley Unified School District
- Colton Joint Unified School District
- Corona-Norco Unified School District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Escondido Union School District
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
- Freight-Las Delitas Unified School District
- Fontana Unified School District
- Fremont Unified School District
- Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
- Hemet Unified School District
- John Swett Unified School District
- Jurupa Unified School District
- Long Beach Unified School District
- Pittsburg Unified School District
- Platts Unified School District
- Riverside Unified School District
- Romoland Elementary School District
- Sanger Unified School District
- Santa Ana Unified School District
- Twin Rivers Unified School District
- Westminster Elementary School District

WILL YOUR DISTRICT'S NAME BE ONE OF THE 2017-18 STATE SARB AWARDS RECIPIENTS?

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Welcome to the CASCWA Store

In this February 2018 edition you will find: Conference and Registration Information for the 2018 CASCWA State Conference in Fresno, Special Message from the State President, Flyer on Up Coming Delta Sierra Workshop, Welcome to the CASCWA Store, Southern Section's Phil Kauble Workshop, July 27th Save the Date, SIA—The Achievement Initiative, Interview - California Laws Relating to Minors, Foster Youth Summit, Bay and Southern Section's Scholarship Information, Intercom Flashback, and Jeni Mendel's "Website Page."

PLEASE VISIT CASCWA'S WEBSITES AT: WWW.CASCWA.ORG & WWW.CASCWA.WILDAPRICOT.ORG FOR REGISTRATION

**INFORMATION TO OUR 2018 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
MAY 9th, 10th & 11st AT THE DOUBLE TREE HOTEL IN FRESNO!**



CASCWA State President's Message



Dear CASCWA Members and Friends of CASCWA,

My heart is with the families and all of those affected by the tragic school shooting that happened in Florida. Horrific events like this cause pain and grief for parents, students, educators, and communities. Even though the event happened in Florida, it can trigger fear, depression or other emotional responses in our students. Please, from a mental health perspective, keep an eye out for students and staff who may be affected by these events. Please look within this edition of the CASCWA Intercom for resource links to the related education codes and documents that can be of benefit when evaluating your school safety plan.

As an organization, we want to offer resources that might be helpful in preventing or mitigating events at your schools. We do so through the sharing of up-to-date and relevant information presented within the CASCWA Intercom, emails, workshops, and the annual State Conference.

Have you registered for the State Conference yet? Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the best professional development opportunity of this year. The 2018 CASCWA State Conference May 9-11, has your CWA needs covered with a theme of "[Student Success by Design: Supporting Equity Through Programs, Support Services, & MTSS](#)".

CASCWA is an organization exclusively ran by our members. We are volunteers that spend many hours planning how best to meet the needs of colleagues with the ultimate goal of providing for our students. With this in mind, I would like to say kudos to:

Delta Sierra Section for their efforts to provide services to northern counties with their upcoming workshop, "[Improving Student Attendance from a Multi-tiered & Cross Discipline Perspective](#)".

Bay Section for being ahead of the game in planning the 2019 State Conference. Yes, they are already working on how to impress our members.

Southern Section for offering an in-person and Webinar option for their latest workshop, "Phil Kauble-Title IX and Universal Complaint Procedures".

San Joaquin Section for the many hours spent in preparing to host and wow us at the upcoming State Conference.

For these reasons and all the other ways you support our members, I thank you!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Fresno.

Sincerely,

Gricelda Cardenas
CASCWA State President
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CASCWA 2018 State Conference Highlights

I am Dennis Wiechmann, “2018 CASCWA Conference” chair and I wanted to give an update on the state of the 2018 State Conference. From the beginning, the San Joaquin section knew we had our work cut out for us if we were going to follow in the footsteps of the 2017 state conference held in Tahoe California. Our vision was simple....get the best presenters across the most relevant topics for educators.

Immediately after the 2017 state conference we put out our call for presenters. Presenters were encouraged to address our 7 identified strands from an MTSS lens. The identified strands included equity, chronic absenteeism, student services, positive school climates, trauma informed practices, truancy, and identified subgroups. The number and quality of proposals that we received were amazing.

This put our committee into a difficult predicament. Who were we going to select and who was going to get left out. After struggling with this choice we decided to expand the number of workshops per break out session. This meant that instead of the usual 6 choices attendees would now have 11 workshops per break out session to choose from.

As you can see from our current program, attendees will have more workshop choices than any other CASCWA state conference in history, and more than any other student services professional development in the State! Currently we are on track to have more than 600 attendees and are fast reaching our limit of 650 attendees. If you are planning on attending, we encourage you to make your hotel reservation and register for the conference ASAP. We look forward to seeing everyone in Fresno “FresYes” May 9-11, 2018.

“FresYes” Conference Information

This edition of the CASCWA Intercom contains detailed information on the up-coming “CASCWA State Conference.” The San Joaquin Section’s Executive Board is to be commended for their tremendous effort in bringing to our membership presentations relevant to everyone in the fields pertaining to “Child Welfare and Attendance” throughout California. This conference promises to exceed our expectation!

Please visit the CASCWA Bay Section Website at: <http://cascwa.org/about-us/bay-section/>

CASCWA Bay Section

Bill Whitton, Newark Unified School District

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The work continues in Bay Section! We held a very successful Fall Workshop on November 29th at the Alameda County Office of Education with approximately 40 educators in attendance.

Our presentations included Sloan Simmons, Attorney at Law with Lozano Smith speaking on "Schools, Students and Speech in a Time of Political and Social Tensions". A very timely topic with plenty of information to digest and take back to our sites. Our second presenter was Barbara Pinto, Immigration Attorney from Centro Legal de La Raza who addressed the topic "Do You Know Your Rights?". Another excellent hot topic and that elicited a lot of discussion.

Bay Section awards seven scholarships each year to deserving graduating high school seniors who have overcome unique obstacles and difficulties. The students we want to recognize are those who may have had to overcome lack of success early on due to personal or family problems, attendance or discipline issues. These students may have benefited from the intervention of a school counselor, community agency or a child welfare and attendance worker.

This year, we will be awarding a scholarship in honor of Leslie Rothwell, longtime Bay Section's Executive Board Member, who passed away last August. She worked for many years in Student Services and other capacities in the Castro Valley Unified School District. This scholarship will be awarded to a student from her district.



Last but not least, Bay Section has begun to start the wheels rolling as we prepare for the 2019 State Conference which we will be hosting. Janet McMurray is the Conference Chair with much help from the Conference Committee. To date, Alan Del Simone, has secured the Silverado Resort, in beautiful Napa Valley for the location. We are excited to return to the Silverado on April 17-19, 2019. Save the date now. We hope to have a great program for you "Presented in Bay Section Style!"

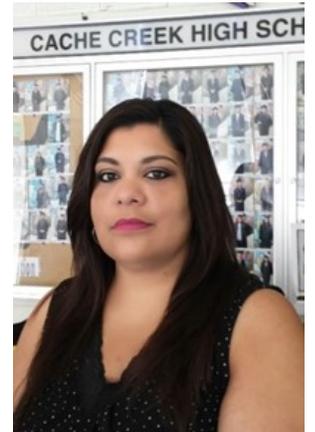
We're looking forward to seeing all of you in Fresno at the Conference in May!

President's information provided by Janet McMurray jmcmurray@wccusd.net.

Please visit the CASCWA Delta Sierra Section Website at:
<http://cascwa.org/about-us/delta-sierra/>

CASCWA Delta-Sierra Section President's Message

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Greetings,

Wow! It's hard to believe we are more than half way through the school year.

I am thrilled to announce that Delta-Sierra will be bringing an amazing crew to Shasta County Office of Ed. to present ***"Improving Student Attendance From A Multi-Tiered and Cross Discipline Perspective"*** featuring David Kopperud, California Department of Education and Dr. Dennis Wiechmann, Supervisor of Child Welfare & Attendance - Sanger U.S.D. Topics to be discussed will be: a multi-tiered approach to SARB, strategies to reduce Chronic Absenteeism and the use of data to support your LCAP goals. I would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to our spring event in Redding, CA. to be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 9-4 p.m.

The conference will be held at the Shasta County Office of Education - Professional Development Center located at Shasta Hall-2985 Innsbruck Dr. Redding, CA 96003. The cost of this event is only \$15.00 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. You can register at <http://cascwa.org/> under the "Professional Learning" tab. Hope to see you there!

Once again, our Scholarship Committee is eagerly awaiting the collection and readings of our 2018 scholarship applications. In late May, we will award the deserving students at our Richard C. Davis Scholarship reception. We are excited to honor our scholarship recipients and their families for a job well done.

I myself am enthusiastically preparing to attend the 82nd Annual CASCWA State Conference - *"Student Success by Design"* this May in Fresno, CA. I have found that it is important in my professional career to attend yearly to stay on top of the most current information available to us. The opportunities to network with colleagues from around the state has increased my knowledge of CWA and has been very helpful to me. I look forward to seeing current CASCWA members again and meeting future CASCWA members.

As always, as your current Delta-Sierra President, I am committed to do my best to represent CASCWA and continue to do the best that I can for our next generation. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming event in Redding.

Warmest regards,

Lisa Sanchez

CASCWA Delta Sierra President

Please visit the CASCWA San Joaquin Section Website at:
<http://cascwa.org/about-us/san-joaquin-section/>

CASCWA San Joaquin Section

President's Message

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Greetings CASCWA San Joaquin Section Members,

Happy New Year! I can't believe that it is February already. Things have been increasingly busy here in San Joaquin Section. On December 8th, the section coordinated a winter workshop that was held in Tehachapi. The one day workshop focused on topics relating to legal issues surrounding foster and homeless students, developing practical procedures to supporting foster and homeless youth, and understanding the California Data Dashboard regarding suspensions and chronic absenteeism.

The San Joaquin Section is also proud to host the 82nd Annual CASCWA State Conference at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Fresno. The State Conference is scheduled for May 9-11, 2018 and on behalf of the San Joaquin Section, I'd like to personally invite you to attend.

Over the course of the three day conference, seven (7) individual strands of training will be offered through various breakout sessions, each of them encompassing Multi-tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) and equity for all sub groups. The breakout sessions will cover the most effective truancy interventions, chronic absenteeism interventions, proven programs to reduce suspensions and expulsions, trauma informed practices, Tier 1-3 supports, competent cultural practices, and so much more!

During a luncheon on the second day of the conference, the San Joaquin Section will also be recognizing several amazing students with the Anthony Brucia Success Award. The recipients of these awards have overcome immense odds and have demonstrated the true meaning of resiliency. These students also validate why we must never give up on our youth and must always push them, support them, and maintain the highest expectations for them. We can all learn a lot from our kids! This is a luncheon that you will not want to miss!

To ensure adequate space for all breakout sessions, we've secured several conference rooms next door at the Fresno Convention Center as well. This will be a State Conference that you will not want to miss! If you are planning to attend, it is recommended that you make your hotel reservations ASAP, as the hotel is guaranteed to sell out.

We look forward to seeing you all in Fresno!

Respectfully,
Brian C. Chandler
President, San Joaquin Section

Please visit the CASCWA Southern Section Website at:
<http://cascwa.org/about-us/southern-section/>

CASCWA Southern Section
President's Message

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Hello Southern Section.

Just some updates coming to you to keep you in the know.

Southern Section put on an amazing workshop on February 2, 2018, topic was Title IX and UCP. We had two very knowledgeable presenters from Adams .Silva .and McNally LLP, Karin Anderson and Elizabeth Harland. This was the first time that CASCWA has done a live webcast and we had 100 registered to watch this program on web-cast live in addition to those that were able to make it in person. I would like to express our thanks to Bob Mueller and the SDCOE for making this web-cast possible. For those of you who were not able to attend the power point can be found on our web-site and taping to the program will be archived on the SDCOE web-site for future viewing.

Things to come include our State Conference that is being hosted this year by San Joaquin Section in Fresno with Dr. Dennis Weichmann as the Chairperson. This is going to be a powerful State Conference addressing many timely issues that school districts are coming across in their day to day activity of business. I highly recommend that if you have not already registered to attend that you do so as soon as possible, it will be time well spent. You can find the link for registration on our web-site. Hope to see you there.

In Southern, June 1, 2018 we will be having our annual scholarship luncheon where we recognize students that have come from SARB contracts and failing grades to graduation with plans to continue into secondary education. Southern Board awards 6 students with \$1000.00 scholarship to assist them in getting a strong start on that pathway. Please if you have a student in mind that has overcome their rocky start in high school to have achieved a diploma, please go on our web-site to find the application and encourage them to apply for this scholarship.

July 26 & 27, 2018 Southern Section will be in Palm Springs at the Hyatt holding our annual retreat on the 26th and a workshop on the 27th so mark your calendars to hold that date. If you are interested in becoming a Southern Section Board Member or just want to attend the retreat to see if it is something you would like to be part of please feel welcome to do so and then stay for the workshop. There will be more information coming on this.

Please do take time to visit our web-site at <http://cascwa.org/about-us/southern-section/> to make sure you are receiving the most current events that are taking place as well as pertinent information that assists all of us in our jobs.

Till next time,

Jenifer Mendel,
Southern Section President

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CASCWA'S STATE PRESIDENT—GRICELDA CARDENAS

Dear Fellow CASCWA Members and Friends,

As an organization our thoughts and prayers are with the families and all of those who were affected by the tragic school shooting that happened in Florida. These types of events cause grief and pain for educators, parents, students, and communities no matter where the event happens. From a mental health perspective, we are encouraging all districts to keep an eye out for students who may be affected by these events. Even though the event happened in Florida, it can trigger fear, depression, or other emotional responses in our students.

Additionally, this event is an unfortunate reminder that we must be vigilant about school safety and must always be prepared to respond. While many districts are aware of the annual requirements for updating your **school safety plans**, some may have forgotten. Given the tragedy in Florida, we wanted to remind all school administrators that your school safety plans are required to be updated by March 1.

If you updated your plan in the beginning of the year we are encouraging all administrators to review their school safety plans. **In order to assist you, I have included below several resource links to the related education codes and documents that can be of benefit when evaluating your school safety plan.** I also encourage you to focus on section 32282.1 regarding the inclusion of mental health professionals and law enforcement when developing or modifying your plan.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone of the requirements of SB 1626. This requires all school security personnel to have at least 20 hours of campus security training. Many times our security personnel are on the front lines and have a unique role in keeping our schools safe. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected by this horrible event. As an organization, we want to offer resources that might be helpful in preventing or mitigating events at your schools.

For those attending the CASCWA State Conference May 9-11 in Fresno CA, we have specific sessions on school safety plans and sessions that will meet the SB 1626 requirements. If you have not been through a school safety plan training, then encourage you to attend these sessions. If you have campus security that has not been trained, we encourage them to attend sessions that will meet the SB 1626 requirements.

Sincerely,

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CASCWA President

RESOURCE LINKS

- [California Department of Education Safe School Plans Resource Page](#)
- [School Safety Plan Checklist](#)
- [California Education Code for School Safety Plans](#)
- [SB 1626 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [FBI Active Shooter Resources](#)
- [CASCWA State Conference Program May 9-11, 2018 Fresno CA](#)
- [CASCWA State Conference Registration](#)

CASCWA Delta Sierra Up Coming Workshop

Improving Student Attendance From a Multitier & Cross Discipline Perspective



Services and strategies will be presented from a school, district, and county perspective as you build towards a Model SARB:

- ⇒ Increasing student attendance for all identified sub-groups
- ⇒ The components of a Multi-Tiered approach to SARB
- ⇒ Successful strategies to increase all student attendance by reducing Chronic Absenteeism
- ⇒ Implementing SARB's NON-PUNITIVE strategies
- ⇒ How to use data to drive decisions and financial expenditures that support your LCAP goals

Register through the CASCWA website

<http://cascwa.wildapricot.org/event-2799318>

PRESENTED BY CASCWA STATE BOARD MEMBERS:

David Kopperud
Education Programs
Consultant,
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Education

Dr. Dennis Wiechmann
Supervisor of Child
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Sanger Unified School
District



**DELTA SIERRA
SECTION**

WHEN

**April 25, 2018
9am - 4pm**

WHERE

**Shasta County Office
of Education**

**Professional
Development Center**

Shasta Hall

**2985 Innsbruck Dr.
Redding, CA 96003**

COST

\$15

**Continental Breakfast
and Lunch Included**

PARTNERS



**SHASTA
COUNTY OFFICE OF
EDUCATION**



[Click here for more information on this event and to register:](http://cascwa.wildapricot.org/event-2799318)

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IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT OUR CASCWA WEBSITES

Believe it or not, our www.cascwa.org website is now older than ten years! In computer technology time, that could mean centuries! Our CASCWA State Executive Board recently took the steps to update the actual systems that have become computer ancient! We actually utilize two websites. One is www.cascwa.org and the other is www.cascwa.wildapricot.org. The website that was recently down for about a week and was then updated was our www.cascwa.org. We want to thank all the good people, especially John, at GODADDY for all their help!

Message from Brian Chandler



On behalf of the San Joaquin Section I would like to personally invite you to attend the 82nd Annual CASCWA State Conference. The San Joaquin Section is proud to host this year's conference at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Fresno. As we aim for greater student achievement, our theme of "Student Success by Design: Supporting Equity Through Programs, Support Services, & MTSS", encapsulates the services and supports that we provide to our students and their families. It's an exciting time to advocate for students as we continue to remain adaptable, motivated and responsive.

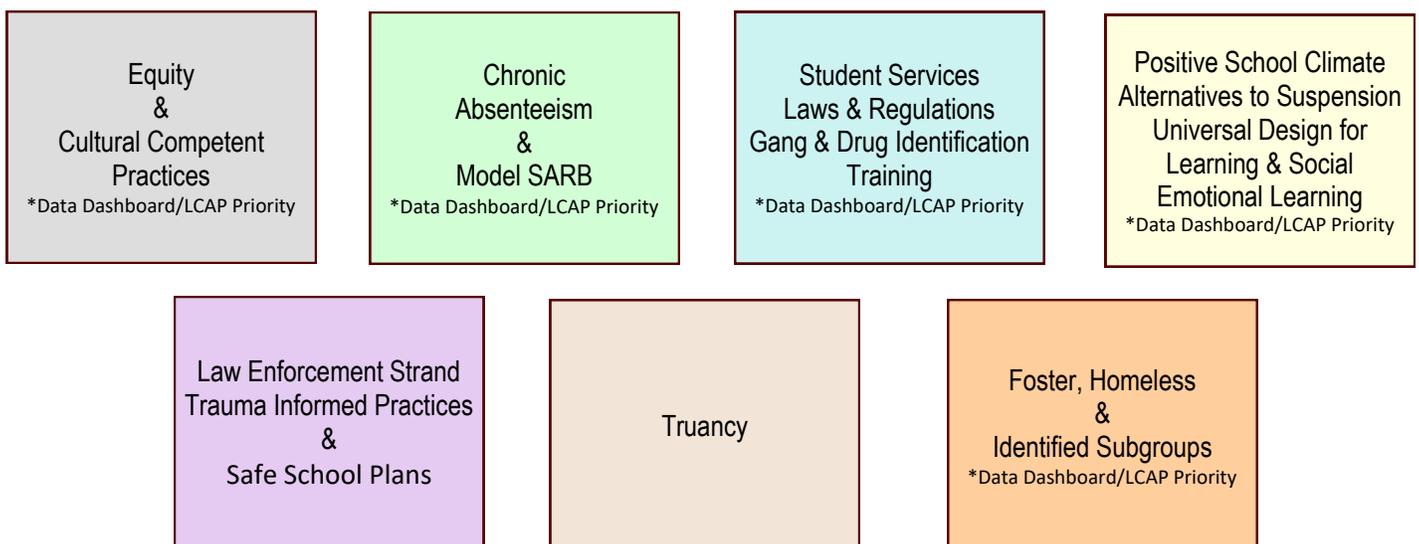
Addressing attendance is required by the Local Control and Accountability Plan. The legislature knows that attendance is the "Keystone" to every program in education: if students are not in school we cannot support them. The CASCWA State Conference is the premier student services professional development organization that provides learning opportunities across a wide range of student services topics, including truancy and chronic absenteeism.

Schools must look at all services and options from a Multi-Tiered Lens to ensure all students are coming to schools, and that once they attend that all of their needs are met. "All Means All" is a motto and phrase that encompasses our beliefs that all students can and will be successful if provided with the right supports and opportunities. Our break out sessions will cover the most effective truancy interventions, chronic absenteeism interventions, proven programs to reduce suspensions and expulsions, trauma informed practices, Tier 1-3 supports, competent cultural practices, and student services 101. Additionally this training will meet the Education Code 48240-48244 requirements for Child Welfare and Attendance Training. Below you will find the main strands for this year's sessions.

Brian Chandler

2018 CASCWA State Conference Strands

Each Strand will Encompass Multi Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) & Equity for all Sub Groups



For a complete description of the strands, please click below:
[CASCWA State Conference Information and Program May 9-11, 2018 Fresno CA](#)

2018 CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP TOPICS

Superintendent of Fresno County Schools ... GET EXPLICIT ABOUT IMPLICIT BIAS ... INDEPENDENT STUDY COMPLIANCE ... DRUG IDENTIFICATION TRAINING ... TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES ... Alan Autry CenCal Mentoring ... Model SARB Awards: David Kopperud & State SARB Board ... GET EXPLICIT ABOUT IMPLICIT BIAS ... INDEPENDENT STUDY COMPLIANCE ... DRUG IDENTIFICATION TRAINING ... TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES ... Entertainment & Hosted Networking & CASCWA Awards ... CASCWA State President ... Dr. Philip Hyden, Valley Children's Hospital ... Jerry P. Dyer, Fresno Chief of Police ... REDUCING RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN SCHOOL ... EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE ADOLESCENTS ... SANGER UNIFIED MODEL COMPREHENSIVE TRUANCY APPROACH ... HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TITLE IX IMPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICTS ... STRENGTHENING SWPBIS WITH TWO EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT TOOLS ... UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING WITHIN IN A MTSS SYSTEM ... CORRECTLY RECORDING ATTENDANCE AT THE SITE AND DISTRICT LEVEL. ARE YOU DOING THE RIGHT THING? ... LOCK IT UP: HELPING TO PREVENT OPIOID ABUSE FROM A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE ... BUILDING INTERVENTIONS FOR TRAUMA EXPOSED STUDENTS K-12 ... REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: ACADEMIC CASE CARRIER PROGRAM ... WHITENESS & MINDFULNESS: CREATING CONSCIOUS EDUCATORS AND ALLIES ... A SUCCESSFUL SATURDAY ACADEMY: RECOVER ADA & PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS FOCUSING ON ACHIEVEMENT ... ENFORCEMENT OF STIPULATED EXPULSIONS AGREEMENTS ... THE 2017 PARADIGM: LEADING IN AN ERA OF COMPLEX LEGAL ISSUES ... YOUTH COURT, A STUDENT LED RESTORATIVE DISCIPLINE PRACTICE ... AN EFFECTIVE ALERT SYSTEM TO FOCUS ON CHILDREN UNDER STRESS (FOCUS) ... THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN 504 AND SPECIAL ED, MANIFESTATION DETERMINATIONS AS PART OF SARB ... OPEN THE DOOR TO STUDENT BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS ... MTSS-101: USING A MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT TO IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOMES ... Key Note Speaker: Dr. Ken Magdaleno ... CASCWA Student Success Awards ... EQUITY IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: ... RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE ... PUSH-IN SERVICES: INCREASING INSTRUCTION TIME AND RELATIONAL TRUST ... ENFORCEMENT OF STIPULATED AND SUSPENDED EXPULSION AGREEMENTS ... STUDENT RIGHTS (DISCIPLINE, FREE SPEECH, SEARCH & SEIZURE) ... RESTORATIVE PRACTICES ON A SHOESTRING ... REDUCING PROBLEM BEHAVIORS BY MEETING ALL STUDENT NEEDS - A UDL APPROACH ... COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE JUVENILE COURT TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING ... TRUANCY FOR BEGINNERS ... THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN 504 AND SPECIAL ED, MANIFESTATION DETERMINATIONS AS PART OF SARB ... A DYNAMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH SUCCESS IN LINDSAY USD ... MTSS AND SCHEDULING: MAKING SURE THE TIME, PEOPLE AND PLACES ARE ALIGNED TO MEET STUDENTS NEEDS WITHIN MTSS ... THE LETTERS OF EQUALITY (LGBTQ+) ... SUCCESSFUL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ... CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT RECORDS: DO'S AND DON'T'S MAY AND SHALL ... STUDENT RIGHTS (DISCIPLINE, FREE SPEECH, SEARCH & SEIZURE) ... 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Awesome!!! For a complete description of speakers and presentations, please click below:
[CASCWA State Conference Information and Program May 9-11, 2018 Fresno CA](#)

<http://cascwa.wildapricot.org/CASCWA-Store> David Cohen Interview



Above you will find the link to the CASCWA Store webpage. This edition of the Intercom interviewed longstanding CASCWA Member, **David Cohen**, to learn more about this new addition to our CASCWA World. David is a hardworking man behind the scene. We thank you David for all you do!

Wow what an incredible job you have done putting together our CASCWA Store. It is awesome! Please describe for our membership the merchandise that can be purchased on line:

Thank you! It's been a great experience playing with the customer interface and designing custom CASCWA merchandise. The purpose of the store was to offer our membership an opportunity to express their CASCWA pride. We have Nike brand polo's, coaches shirts, baseball jerseys, baseball caps, long sleeve shirts for men and women, sweatshirts (both hooded and front zip), cotton t-shirts, and even beanies. We've designed many of the items to include the CASCWA section. It's really a huge selection of designs and items to select from with varying logo's and colors. I remember during my first conference I purchased raffle tickets and won a CASCWA t-shirt. When I wear it, I'm often asked, "What's CASCWA?" I've always been happy to explain. It's an opportunity to tell people, I belong to CASCWA, we are a professional growth organization dedicated to helping kids.

Please tell our membership the process that can be used to make a purchase:

I'm excited for the membership to have easy access to CASCWA merchandise. It's really simple. Go to the CASCWA.ORG website and click on the membership tab. Another option is to go directly to the CASWA.WILDAPRICOT.ORG website and click on the CASCWA STORE tab. The site allows the user a variety of already designed choices. What's really unique and exciting is that the customer can customize their product in any way they want. Not just garment color or style, but message, font, slogan, logo location - almost anything really. While we have used the catch phrase "changing lives" on many of the garments, when ordering, the member can modify the product to express their own interpretation or expression of what it means to be a part of CASCWA. Buying on the CASCWA website is like buying a winning raffle ticket every time.

For years, CASCWA has sold merchandise at the annual state conference. Please tell our membership the vision and effort that has been put in place to make this goal a reality:



What better place to sport your CASCWA garb besides a CASCWA state conference. There are benefits to having product on hand during the conference but with the new CASCWA Store, merchandise can be ordered in advance and will be available in the specific color, design, or fashion that matches our members' sense of style.

CASCWA wants members to proudly sport our logo, but there is no cost effective way to anticipate the multitude of style choices we want to accommodate. We are excited about the store's format and limitless selection. At this time we feel that our membership will value having the opportunity to purchase exactly what they want. Who wouldn't appreciate a broad range of choices and the freedom to design their own items. Instrumental in our CASCWA Store format is CASCWA's dedication to student scholarships.

As the store is now, we eliminate unnecessary overhead, storage cost, and the purchase of a single undesired product. The CASCWA Store will continue to develop, respond, and adjust to our membership's requests. With that in mind, we may return to a limited physical inventory sometime in the future. We won't count that out. Like our ever evolving responsibilities in education, we will adapt and change as necessary.

You have been an active member of CASCWA's San Joaquin for many years. Please share with our membership what CASCWA has meant to you professionally and personally:

I've been involved with CASCWA in one capacity or another for over 10 years. I've attending numerous professional development opportunities before serving as section vice president, section president, participating in my section board and state board leadership. Since the first CASCWA State conference I've been proud to associate myself with a positive organization that advocates for students, promotes safety, and supports continued professional development.

Working in the field of child welfare and attendance has its challenges. We all have to navigate new laws and ensure that our districts are in compliance with changing regulations, while not losing site that kids are always our first priority. Staying abreast of current best practices while putting kids first is what CASCWA does. We also have fun.

What else would you like to share with our membership?

For me, more important than all of the information resources and learning opportunities that CASCWA offers, is how powerful it is to associate with like-minded individual. Our strength is in our connections with other members. The CASCWA experts and CASCWA Conference presenters are comprised of our membership. You might be looking to CASCWA for information on model SARB, but you may be an expert on foster youth. When the time is right, get involved sharing your expertise and your passion for helping kids.

If you're reading this Intercom publication, your already invested in helping kids succeed and most likely a developing expert in your field of expertise. I look forward to seeing you all at our next CASCWA State Conference in Fresno. And remember to check out the new CASCWA Store. The site is easy to use and very intuitive. Please feel free to contact me at dcohen@cusd.com with any comments or suggestions.

*For more information, please contact David Cohen, Clovis Unified School District , at:
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CASCWA Southern Section "Phil Kauble's" Workshop

Title IX and Universal Complaint Procedures

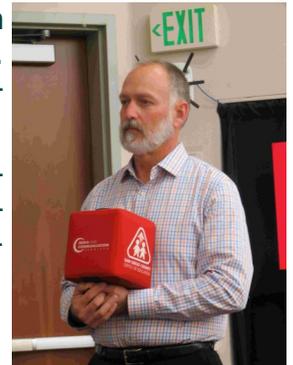
February 2, 2018—San Diego County Office of Education—San Marcos



Congratulations to **Jeni Mendel**, Southern Section President, and the **Entire Executive Board** for an outstanding "Phil Kauble" workshop. **Attorneys Karin Anderson and Elizabeth Harland of Adams, Silva and Mc Nally LLP**, delivered a presentation that many of us believed was the best that we had ever seen on these important topics. Not only was the presentation well received by all attendees, it was a live web cast to over 100 educators throughout the state. To our knowledge, this is the first time a CASCWA workshop has been a live web cast throughout the state. The presentation was detailed, well referenced and included personal insight in to cases that had merit. A special "Thank You" to **Bob Mueller**, San Diego County Office of Education, for hosting and working out all technical need to video cast this excellent work shop!

Karin and Elizabeth's power point presentation was outstanding. We were granted permission to place it on our CASCWA Southern Section's "Homepage." We also took several pictures that we will also be posting. We expect to have the power point and pictures posted by February 26th at:

<http://cascwa.org/about-us/southern-section/>



SAVE THE DATE - JULY 27, 2018

CASCWA SOUTHERN SECTION WORKSHOP Administrator's Role as Investigators

This workshop will focus on issues that administrators investigate daily!

Topics will include: Drugs in School, Identification, Good drugs v bad drugs, Medical use v recreational use, Disciplinary procedures: investigations, actions and consequences, Community resources, What you must do, can do, and can't do, Impact of SB 395 – police cannot interrogate children 15 and under until child has consulted an attorney and Q & A with professionals in the field!

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CASCWA's Intercom Interviews Erica Peterson - Delta Sierra Section's Secretary

The editors of the CASCWA Intercom have selected Erica Peterson as the CASCWA member to highlight for this edition. Erica first became involved with CASCWA through her efforts with School Innovation and Achievement (SI&A.) She is well connected with leaders in our field throughout the state and has played a significant role in several of our conferences and workshops over the years. Erica is currently the "Secretary" for our CASCWA Delta Sierra Section. We are excited to hear what Erica has to say about CASCWA and SI&A. Please enjoy the article:

Erica, please tell us a little bit about your background and how you wound up choosing SI&A as a career:

I have always felt a close connection to education. Prior to joining SI&A, I was working for a small college textbook publishing company. As demand for print education materials waned with the rise of electronic media, I needed to make a change, but loved the education community, so I made the leap to K-12 and joined SI&A. I started in our Northern California office located in Redding, CA as a Mandated Cost Claim consultant. SI&A is a great company to work for and now, 14 years later, I am proud to be our National Education Manager whose mission is to expand our flagship product, The Achievement Initiative, nationally.



What was your first memory of CASCWA and what are some of your best memories from past conferences/workshops?

Wait, I was told what happens at the state CASCWA conference, stays at state conference, so all I will say are three words: Dennis Weichmann, Napa. We were the dance competition winners-love you Dennis!). On a more serious note, CASCWA holds an essential place in my professional development. All of the sections hold amazing events. I learn something new at every workshop I attend. My favorite session however is any that involves kids. I remember attending a "Listening to Youth Voices" session that our Vice President Dan Sackheim from CDE organized in partnership with Shasta UHSD. I still choke up thinking about that session, the entire room of adults has tears in their eyes as we heard children share their truths and how a connection to someone who cared made a difference in their lives. This is why we are all in education.

You have worked with several "Delta Sierra Executive Board Members" over the years. What would like to tell our membership about our "Delta Sierra Section" and how did you wind up being their secretary?

I have a lot of great CASCWA memories--from getting to work with CWA legends like Rich C. Davis, who our Delta-Sierra scholarship is named after, to being the longest serving Board Secretary in Delta-Sierra history. The latter happened when I missed a board meeting several years ago and next thing I knew, Joe Taylor informed me that I was the newly elected secretary!

That said, I would tell DSS members to get involved in CASCWA. Don't worry, the secretary position is filled, but attend section events. If you don't see an event about a particular topic that you would benefit from, let us know. Our mission is to serve our membership. Unlike the urban sections, Delta-Sierra section covers the largest geography and we have the smallest membership roster. We can serve you through live workshops as well as webinars, so tell us what you want. As a board, we have coined ourselves as "small but mighty" breaking all records while hosting the last annual state CASCWA conference.

Erica Peterson - Delta Sierra Section's Secretary Interview Continued

The Delta Sierra section has several section members who are located in the Sacramento area. Two of your board members are phenomenal child advocates, who work for the California Department of Education. There are resources and connections that exist in the Sacramento area that do not exist in the other three sections. What are some of the events and activities that have been on your calendar that may not have been on the calendars of others in our field outside of the Sacramento area?

Well, yes, a small brag here. We are so lucky to have David Kopperud and Dan Sackheim from CDE on our section board. Their knowledge of local and statewide conversations taking place is unmatched. That is just another reason that I encourage all CASCWA members to attend Delta Sierra section events, they are phenomenal. Having former SPI and current gubernatorial candidate, Delaine Easton as our keynote at the Delta Sierra hosted state CASCWA conference in Tahoe last year is a testament to the support that our CDE board members provide. Through our entire Board of Directors, we have an amazing network of contacts and resources that we can connect our members to. It is also no small coup that CASCWA's strategic partner, SI&A supports our section board as well. SI&A headquarters, located just a few miles outside of Sacramento, donates organizational resources to our section as well. Delta-Sierra truly has the "home field" advantage in all aspects.



Please briefly describe what SI&A is all about, especially in the area of improving student attendance, and how our membership can learn the specifics of their important services:

SI&A is on a mission to improve student achievement across the country. We believe that attendance is the education equalizer. As we developed and perfected our program, we learned that the achievement gap has less to do with ethnicity, gender, economics or geography, and more to do with students being present and accounted for. The Achievement Initiative featuring our award-winning software Attention2Attendance (A2A) was developed to create a culture of achievement, starting by creating a culture of showing up. Through the combination of A2A's early warning and intervention system and our targeted, action-based

Achievement campaigns, absences go down and graduation rates go up. Our work is so unique that we literally hold a U.S. patent. No one can do what we do. For members that are interested in learning more about the Achievement Initiative, they can call us at 800.487.9234 or contact us through our website www.sia-us.com.

What else would you like to share with our membership?

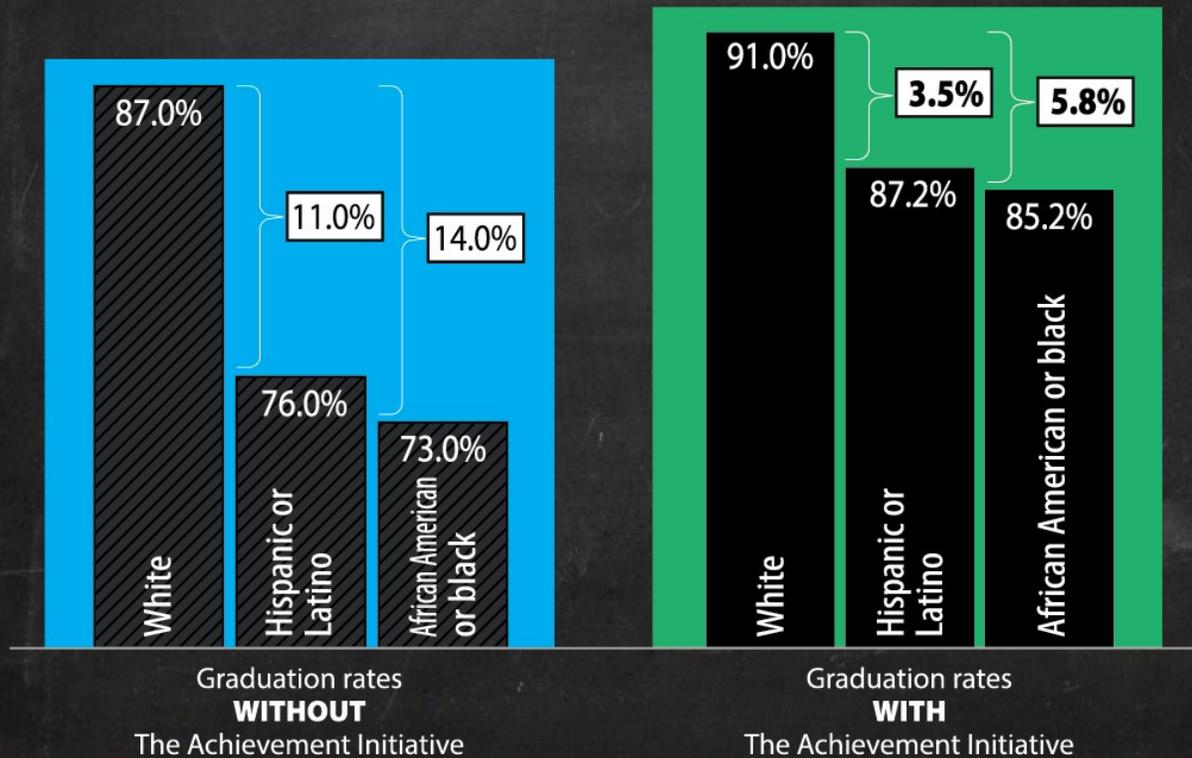
The field of child welfare and attendance is always evolving. Practices that are de rigueur today, are passé tomorrow. CASCWA is the best network for peer to peer learning and development. If you belong to CASCWA and your colleagues in other departments don't, encourage them to join. Attendance impacts everything we do in a district from knowing how many busses to run, how many teachers to hire, to graduation and dropout rates. We serve ourselves when we enlist others at our districts to have a seat at the table.

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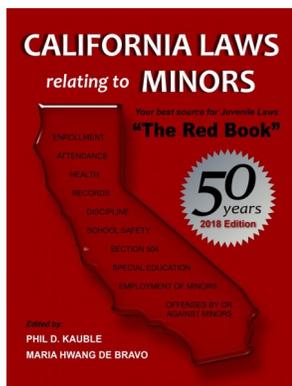
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California Laws Relating to Minors

CASCWA Intercom interviews Co-Author Maria Hwang De Bravo



The editors of the Intercom have had an opportunity to review the 2018 Edition of California Laws Relating to Minors. There have been several positive changes to this edition. This document is a true tool to be used by CWA educators throughout the state. Having been the director of CWA for twenty years in a district, there was hardly a day that went by that I didn't use this document to keep my office and the district on firm ground. The updates to this document have made California Laws Relating to Minors even better! The following are a few questions that we asked of one of Co-Editor, Maria Hwang de Bravo:

Dale Ely, Jack Erickson and Phil Kauble may not be familiar to new educators in the field of Child Welfare and Attendance. However, these three names are "Legends." Dale Ely was the first editor of California Laws Relating to Minors. That edition was less than 1" thick! Jack Erickson became the second editor of the book. He was followed by Phil Kauble as the third editor. You and Phil Kauble have put out the 2018 as co-editors and you will be the sole editor when the 2019 edition is released. What are your thoughts on becoming the fourth editor following these three giants in the history of CASCWA and CWA?



My first day on the job as a director of student services was...interesting. My predecessor had retired from the position and left me with office supplies, a computer with no saved documents, and a bookshelf of empty binders and random books. The file cabinets? They were crammed with hanging folders filled with empty file folders. I literally started the job with a blank slate, and it was awesome! Okay...it was a bit scary and I did hyperventilate for a few minutes. There might even have been a few drops of tears that were threatening to leak out.

The thing that quickly snapped me into shape and turned that moment into the beginning of an incredibly exciting and fulfilling journey was finding the one non-random book on the shelf – the "California Laws Relating to Minors." At the time, it had a yellow cover, which was pretty hard to miss. Let's just say that without that book, the Child Welfare and Attendance Unit staff at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and the people I met through CASCWA, I wouldn't be where I am today.

That yellow book was replaced by a new edition every year thereafter. I used it primarily for three reasons: 1) to establish well-developed policies and procedures; 2) to guide and defend my decisions/actions; and 3) to stay out of trouble. Did I give any thought to the editor whose name was on the cover? I may have thanked Phil a few hundred times in my mind. Never in a million years did I think I would ever meet him in person, go on lunch dates with him, and then end up being his co-editor for this 50th Edition. How does something like that happen?!

Needless to say, I'm so honored that Phil thought me worthy and capable enough to become the fourth editor of the "California Laws Relating to Minors." It's clear that the book is the embodiment of the commitment and passion Dale, Jack and Phil had/have towards helping those who work with kids...because ultimately, and indirectly, it is helping kids. That's one of the reasons they are, in your words, "giants in the history of CASCWA and CWA." I know I still have a lot more to give before I can be considered in the same league as the three of them. But until then, can I at least be the "little giant"?

The 2018 Edition is excellent! The two of you have made several changes for the better. What would you like to share with our membership about the changes?

Switching to the two-column formatting allowed us to add several hundred more codes while cutting about 100 pages – it now features over 2,000 state and federal laws. The 16 thematic chapters have been rearranged, and now include subheadings to help group section codes that address the same areas/topics. Many of the titles have been updated/revised to be more reflective of their content. We encourage users to provide us with feedback and suggestions so that we can continue to improve upon future publications.

CASCA Intercom interviews Co-Author Maria Hwang De Bravo (continued)

If one of our members wishes to purchase the edition, where would you direct them?

The "California Laws Relating to Minors" (A.K.A. the "Red Book") can be purchased as a softcover desktop publication for \$89.95, or in electronic format (e-Book) for \$49.95. The bundle is offered at \$109.95. As one of the many perks of becoming a CASCWA member, a free e-Book is included when you sign up or renew your CASCWA membership.

There are a few ways to purchase the Red Book...

Online: legalbooksdistributing.com (search by title); or s4edconsultants.org (go to the "Resource" tab)

By phone: Legal Books Distributing at (800) 200-7110 or (323) 526-7110

In person: Legal Books Distributing at their new location – 2740 E. Regal Park Dr., Anaheim, CA 92806; or at certain conferences/workshops

What steps will you be taking to prepare the 2019 edition to catch all the changes made by federal and state legislation?

The most important part of preparing for the 2019 Edition is utilizing all the different ways Phil and I have relied on these past few years in tracking all the pertinent legislation that are introduced this year: searching through the website for California Legislative Information, reading news articles and updates from different agencies and organizations, and subscribing to the Legislative Bill Room's service. The process requires a combination of everything so that it minimizes the chance that an important piece of legislation is left out.

Since we also made some significant changes to the Red Book, I will need to gather some feedback from our customers and determine where improvements can be made for the next edition.

I think we did a pretty good job this year in making the Red Book available as early in the year as possible. However, the goal is to have the Red Book ready for purchase beginning January 1st of each year from 2019 on. So, I'm already conditioning to function at full capacity while sleep deprived!

Much of the proceeds from the "California Laws Relating to Minors" have gone directly towards student scholarships. Phil has always been generous and is admired in so many ways! What would you like to share with our membership about Phil, as he steps down as an editor of this important document?

Phil and I always lament that we never had the opportunity to work together at the Los Angeles County Office of Education – he retired too early. In some ways, maybe working on the Red Book together was the only way we were able to make up for that.

What I've learned from all the time I've spent with Phil, and listening to others talk about Phil, is that he has been extremely generous with his time and commitment by continually producing one of the best sources for juvenile laws and in providing much needed scholarships for graduating seniors who have faced and overcome adversity. At the end of the day, it's always been about how much he cares about kids. He has led us by example and through his knowledge and expertise to position ourselves in the best way possible to advocate for the development and success of all kids.

Phil's been an invaluable friend and mentor to me all these years, and to many others in the field of CWA. I just hope that once he steps down as editor, he won't stop hanging out with me! I know that I'll still be asking him for advice and for his help with reviewing the final draft of each upcoming edition.

Is there anything else that you would like to share with our membership?

One of our other goals for this year is to also get as many colleges and universities to use the "California Laws Relating to Minors" as a textbook for their law classes. There are a few that already do, but we need people who are going to work with, and represent, minors to be much better prepared from the start; rather than stumble through their first years (or their whole careers) making unnecessary mistakes and bad decisions because they didn't know the laws, saving them and their districts a lot of time and money not having to address allegations of noncompliance and complaints. So, if you have connections with colleges and universities, we hope you'll help us spread the word!

We also hope that you enjoy your complimentary e-Book with your CASCWA membership. It doesn't mean you shouldn't buy the desk copy, though, because highlighting is still fun...and cool!

MARIA! THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT INTERVIEW. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance



BAY SECTION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Dear Scholarship Coordinator:

Each year Bay Section CASCWA, California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance, awards \$500.00 scholarships to deserving, graduating high school seniors who have overcome unique obstacles and difficulties.

The students we want to recognize and honor are those who may have had to overcome lack of success early on due to personal or family problems, attendance or discipline issues. These students may have benefited from the intervention of a school counselor, community agency, or a child welfare and attendance worker.

Please help us to reach deserving students who are working against the odds to improve themselves. This may be a student who might not necessarily be attending a four-year college but attending a community college or a vocational program.

The one page application form and requirements are included. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Janet McMurray

Janet McMurray
Scholarship Chair

A complete application packet for this scholarship award shall include:

- Application form
- A personal letter/statement, which describes the obstacles student has faced and career goals and plans for further education and/or training
- One letter of recommendation
- Transcript – freshman through first semester of senior year
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Deadline: Applications should be postmarked by Friday, April 13, 2018.

Mail application packet to:

Janet McMurray
1319 Everett St
El Cerrito, CA 94530
(510) 932-9177

[**Click here to link directly to the CASCWA Bay Section 2018 Scholarship Application!**](#)

2018 California Foster Youth Education Summit

Sheraton Fairplex Pomona, California



2018 California Foster Youth Ed Summit

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April 9-10, 2018

The 2018 California Foster Youth Education Summit will be a time to showcase programs that support the academic and social/emotional progress of youth in foster care. Preparing youth to transition from the K-12 system to post-secondary education and career opportunities is a key priority. It is a focus area for District Local Control Accountability Plans under Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Robust multi-agency collaboration is essential to supporting youth in foster care to achieve academic milestones, persist in their educational paths, and envision the diverse academic and career opportunities available to them.

This year we have scheduled excellent workshops that showcase collaborative models and promote academic persistence and achievement through the full continuum of education.

You will be able to choose from 40 workshops in 5 different sessions. And you will have dedicated times created for networking with colleagues. Be inspired by our keynote speaker who will talk on the importance of teaching dignity, compassion and respect and spend time in groups thinking and discussing authentic youth engagement.

Monday night, you can spend an evening on the Farm. A beautiful five acre organic farm on the property, where you can enjoy a strolling farm to fork dinner while catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

PLEASE REGISTER AT:

<https://www.cafosteryouthedsummit.com/registration-information>



California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance



SOUTHERN SECTION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Southern Section's Lillie Wilson Scholarship, June 1, 2018

Each year, Southern Section recognizes several students who have overcome adversity, completed graduation requirements and are continuing with their education at a higher level.

Below you will find a link to access the 2018 scholarship nomination form. You must be a Southern Section CASCWA member to nominate a student.

The student, who has overcome adversity, completes a two page statement on their background. The statement includes information on how they overcame their adversity and how school personnel helped them. The last portion of their nomination form should include comments describing their future educational plans.

The "Nomination Forms" are mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson, Ms. Ilsa Garza-Gonzales, Director, Administrative Services, Jurupa Unified School District. Ms. A Garza-Gonzales will bring together a team of CASCWA Executive Board Members to read and rate each nomination application.

A process is used to select the top few students who will receive the scholarships. The students are invited to the end of the year luncheon. One student is selected to receive the "Phil Kauble Scholarship." Mr. Kauble has been extremely generous by donation funds generated through the sales of "California Laws Relating to Minors", the most widely used legal reference book by offices of CWA throughout the state. The other scholarship winners are awarded a "Lillie Wilson Scholarship Award".

The students share their stories on how they have overcome adversity, who intervened in their life and their plans for the future. These stories are moving and the attendee's hearts are filled with the hard times behind, but jubilate on the bright future for each student. Students receive their scholarship in conjunction with their college registration.

Southern Section Scholarship Award

In the 1990's, the Southern Section scholarship program was launched under the leadership of Karen Saunders, Agnes Moss and Mark Michels. Rick Riegel, Child Welfare and Attendance, Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, is to be commended for his exceptional leadership in coordinating all Southern Section scholarship activities for the past several years. The current scholarship chairperson is Ms. Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez, Director, Administrative Services, Jurupa Unified School District. Ms. Garza-Gonzalez has taken on the challenges of communicating and marketing the scholarship program, coordinating the selection of student award recipients, and presenting the scholarships at the annual June luncheon. Much credit for the success of the scholarship program also goes to the individual CASCWA members who have assisted and mentored students at their school sites, have supported them as they completed their requirements for high school graduation, and have nominated them to receive a CASCWA Scholarship. For more than a decade, CASCWA Southern Section has awarded scholarships to deserving students who have benefited from intervention by a Child Welfare and Attendance professional. We encourage all of our members to nominate students who have overcome adversity and are pursuing their dreams of a high education and a successful career.

Applications Deadline: April 11, 2018

If you are in the field of "Child Welfare and Attendance", you are working with students who have overcome adversity and are now going in the right direction for their future.

Please take the time to submit a nomination for one of your students in 2018!
Applications Deadline is April 11, 2018.

**[Click here to link directly to:
the CASCWA Southern Section 2018 Scholarship Application!](#)**

CASCWA Flashback to APRIL 1990 INTERCOM

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION WRAPS UP PLANS FOR FRESNO CONFERENCE

CASCWA San Joaquin sections last section meeting was truly inspiring and generated enthusiastic fellowship. Out of a membership currently enlisting 43 active members, we had 27 persons attend. What an enlightening encounter. We had two grand speakers present stimulating topics.

First on the order of events, was Dale Stringer Associate Superintendent of Instruction for Clovis Unified School District. His particular subject focused on "The Cutting Edge of Excellence" , a pre-empt to our theme for the Spring conference where the San Joaquin Section will be hosting in Fresno. Dale' s talk focused on the educational planning required to address the challenges facing educator. Secondly , Willie Thomas , an Administrative Assistant, covered the "Student at Risk" (what a popular topic now-a-days), and the emphasis being directed to the importance of not being under qualified as educators to face the coming.

When our State Executive Board met in February in Sacramento, I shared with our section how edifying it was to hear each section President and Executive Board member's report on what CASCWA is promoting and how it is supporting education throughout the state.

Aren't those new CASCWA state membership pins sharp? And those CASCWA logo watches that will be presented to outstanding members of each section are TOO MUCH. Can' t wait to share them!

Our next San Joaquin Section meeting and luncheon will be held on April 6 in Clovis, California. We are anticipating the typically good fellowship and learning experience which abounds at San Joaquin Section meetings.

All invitations and specifics have gone out to State CASCWA members, along with invites to SARB and CADRE members. If you can think of another group that would like to attend or SHOULD attend, please contact me ASAP.

Connie Imerti

Submitted by Jennifer Kottke and Frank Boehler

The Editors of the CASCWA Intercom have chosen to say "Thank You" to Ms. Connie Imerti, Los Angeles County Office of Education. There is no question that it is the ladies in schools, district offices, county offices and state offices that make the difference in our student's lives, keep the wheels rolling and are the strengths for many offices

Connie was secretary to Phil Kauble during those special years when Phil was contributing to CWA offices throughout the state. After Mr. Kauble retired, she took a position in LACOE's Business Office and continued helping Phil by assisting with the production of the annual edition of school laws relating to minors. Connie recently announced her retirement and we wish her the best!

If you have a "Connie Imerti" working in your office, please take a moment to reflect on all that the person does to contribute to the success of your organization and give them the praise that they deserve.



Jeni Mendel's "Website" Pages



Over the past several years, the editors of the CASCWA Intercom and Connection have received on-going emails from Southern Section's President, Jeni Mendel, Sherman Garnett and several other executive board members. Below you will find specific websites that the editors have chosen to pass on to our members. Please look over the following sites and see if they relate to your personal work load. Hopefully, you will find the websites useful!

The Most Inspiring Speech: The Wisdom of a Third Grade Dropout Will Change Your Life | Rick Rigsby

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg_Q7KYWG1g

American Psychological Association - Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/mass-shooting.aspx>

How to Survive a School or Office Shooting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8otRGWgmVYY>

California asks nearly 250 schools to check absentee records over fears of 'bad data'

<https://edsources.org/2018/california-asks-nearly-250-schools-to-check-absentee-records-over-fears-of-bad-data/593432>

I just sued the school system! Prince Ea

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqTTojTija8>

California's largest districts address chronic absenteeism with focus on why students miss school

<https://edsources.org/2018/californias-largest-districts-address-chronic-absenteeism-with-focus-on-why-students-miss-school/593425>

California Food Policy Advocates - School Breakfast: Reducing Chronic Absenteeism & Supporting Student Success

https://cfpa.net/ChildNutrition/ChildNutrition_CFPAPublications/BreakfastAndAttendance-PolicyBrief-2017.pdf

Ed Source - System of positive rewards to reduce student discipline takes off in California

<https://edsources.org/2018/system-of-positive-rewards-to-reduce-student-discipline-takes-off-in-california/593071>

CDE School Attendance Improvement Strategies - Selected school attendance practices identified as having a positive effect in encouraging students to regularly attend school.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/cw/attendstrategy.asp>

Florida Department of Education: Guidelines for Investigations

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7725/urlt/0072435-guidelineinvest.pdf>

The Annie E Casey Foundation Juvenile Justice News - Momentum Builds in States to End the Youth Prison Mode;

http://www.aecf.org/?utm_source=eblast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Juvenile-Justice

EdData - State Profile - California Public Schools

<https://www.ed-data.org/state/CA>

California is Tough on Public School Absences with Truancy Laws ...

<https://www.bajadefense.com>

Thirteen siblings 'held captive' by parents in Perris, California: 'Deeply religious' couple arrested on torture charges

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/16/thirteen-siblings-found-chained-starving-california-home-say/>

Refusal: How schools are handling student anxiety

<https://cabinetreport.com/human-resources/refusal-how-schools-are-handling-student-anxiety>

Attendance Works has created some great handouts for parents of young children in English and Spanish at

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/handouts-for-families/>

Jeni Mendel's "Website" Pages - Continued

Valedictorian Shocks World with Brutally Honest Graduation Speech

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5uqNhfNHL8>

Tales, Fibs and Lies Handling Lying Behavior

<https://confidentcounselors.com/2017/11/20/students-who-lie/>

Top Ten Secrets of Effective Liars

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/extreme-fear/201005/top-ten-secrets-effective-liars>

How to Motivate Students to Love Homework

<http://www.teachhub.com/how-motivate-students-love-homework>

Helping Your Students With Homework

A Guide for Teachers

<https://www2.ed.gov/PDFDocs/hyc.pdf>

Kid President's Pep Talk to Teachers and Students!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwlhUcSGqgs>

Funny Talent Skit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWrsvth19Nc>

Classroom Rules

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddvTFgzkS5M>

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We hope to see you in May
at the 2018 CASCWA
State Conference at the
Doubletree Hotel in Fresno!

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To register, please go to
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