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OUR STATE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR April 26-28, 2021 IN SAN DIEGO!



In this June 2020 edition, you will find:

Thank you President Evelyn Ocasio!; Jeni Mendel becomes CASCWA's new State President; Cancelled 2020 State Conference is rescheduled for 2021; 2020 State and Section Awards, CDE Tony Thurmond—Reopening of Schools, Zoom, Parlier USD & Praxides Torres; California's Model SARB Program & Webpage; Mangione - Membership; Legislation; 2020 Scholarships; School Innovation & Achievement; Student Support Solutions; Jeni Mendel's Webpages and much more!

Our two websites are currently under construction! Please visit them at:

WWW.CASCWA.ORG and <http://cascwa.wildapricot.org/>



CASCWA

**California Association of Supervisors of
Child Welfare & Attendance**

CASCWA State President's Message **Jeni Mendel, Grossmont Union High School District, Retired**

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My name is Jenifer Mendel and I am proud and excited to be this year's State President.

I am from the Southern Section of CASCWA where I attended my first State Conference in San Diego, where I am from, in 2004. That conference was full of energy, phenomenally professional and the passion was amazing! At that Conference, I decided I wanted to be a part of this amazing organization. I have been honored by being nominated and serving in many roles in Southern Section and on the State Board. Now, I am honored to be serving as the State President.

This past school year has been something that none of us ever believed could happen. Witnessing the closure of school for over a month and then to come back to only online education has been unreal. This delivery method of education was truly a new experience to many districts, schools, and teachers, not to mention students and their parents. As Educators, we had to pull together and our resilience, dedication, and loyalty to the youth are what will help us through this tough time.

CASCWA has always strived to assist educators with bringing forth the best practices, the most up to date legislative information, and the professional resources from around the nation. Our strong partnership with CDE, SIA, Red Book, S4, Sherman Garnett and Associates, Dora and Nancy Dome and many others, provides us so many avenues to share information with our members. In all 4 sections of CASCWA you will find ongoing trainings and workshops that will assist you in your day to day activities in your chosen careers.

This last year we had to cancel our State Conference due to the COVID 19 guidelines. The good news is that we are looking forward to next April when we will be holding the conference at the Bahia Hotel and Resort in San Diego. Please continue to review our website. We will be updating the most current information on the conference and all the other trainings and workshops that will be held around the State by CASCWA four sections. I am also excited to report that we are working on CASCWA moving into the world of webinars, which you will also be able to register for on our website as they come available.

CASCWA is still here and dedicated to assist you in a number of ways. Through our newsletter, the Intercom, you can find articles posted of current concerns, best practices and legislative updates. All of our four section and state board members are posted on our website. This includes email contact information and they would be honored to answer any questions you may have. While things may not ever again be the same in our lives, especially how we educate our youths, we still need to provide the best opportunity to every youth to reach their fullest potential and create a future for themselves and others.

CASCWA State President's Message Continued **Jeni Mendel, Grossmont Union High School District, Retired**

We invite all to become members of the legacy that is CASCWA. We welcome and need all of your expertise. Your diversity and the sharing of information is what makes CASCWA strong, so please join this 84-year-old organization of truly dedicated people and help us help all those who work with youth!

If you are working in the fields of child welfare and attendance, you are special. You are making a difference in today's world and positively impacting the future of tomorrow.

I am looking forward to working with the wonderful people of the Executive Board and 4 Sections as we do our best to bring you the information you need to make your 2020-2021 year with CASCWA amazing.

Sincerely,

Jeni Mendel



BAY Section

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

CASCWA Bay Section President's Message

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Dear Members and Friends of CASCWA,

It is an honor to address you as the Bay Section CASCWA President. There has never been a more pivotal time to intensify the great work of this organization. We are in unprecedented times and our work has never been more important. Our world is changing at breakneck speed. We have shifted how we “do school”; we are in a worldwide pandemic, which has sent our students and staff into their homes for teaching and learning. We are experiencing civil unrest as we see America’s racial inequalities which have been acknowledged by the entire globe. As we end this school year and prepare for the next, we find ourselves looking for answers.

CASCWA Bay Section will be here to support with up-to-date information around the latest policies and guidance. Equity issues and gaps have been exacerbated by COVID-19 and social unrest across our country. This is building an increasing need for Cultural Competence, restorative practices and a strong focus on equity. There is a need for the development of innovative practices around enrollment, attendance and parent engagement. We must work together in this new frontier in education.

As we move into the new school year, I look forward to working with the new Bay Section board. Our new board members are: President—DiShawn Givens, Vice President—Celeste Pracale, Secretary—Ligia Briseño and Treasurer—Andrew Keyv.

We are excited to share that even in a pandemic, once we extended our deadline, we received 40 scholarship applications. We are pleased to have selected 12 amazing recipients from the following districts: Berkeley, Newark, San Francisco, Liberty, Hayward, Watsonville, Konocti and West Contra Costa.

Members, we need you! If you would like to have a more active role in CASCWA this year, please reach out to any of the board members. If you know of districts, schools or staff members who need to be connected to CASCWA, please help them to connect with us. The times that we are in require connecting to each other and as many resources as possible in the service of our diverse communities.

Sincerely,

Dishawn Givens
President, CASCWA Bay Section

Delta Sierra Section

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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Student Services Program Coordinator
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office

Dear CASCWA Community,

As the 2019-20 school year draws to a close, I continue to be inspired by the compassion and dedication of educators across the nation. In the midst of difficult times, we have risen up using creativity, flexibility and technology in efforts to connect with students and support parents like never before.

Delta-Sierra is also making efforts to adapt and best support its membership as well as districts and schools across Northern California. We are welcoming input from those within our region regarding training and technical assistance needs so that Delta-Sierra may provide support.

CASCWA has had to make modifications for upcoming Annual Conferences which will post-poner Delta's hosting responsibilities by one year. We consider this a blessing as it will provide more planning time for us to create a robust and comprehensive conference in 2022. Delta-Sierra will also be focusing on increasing regional membership to recruit support the event and expand networking/training opportunities for those in rural communities.

Our Richard C. Davis Scholarship award process was also modified this year. While the celebratory annual award dinner had to be cancelled in the interest of safety, members of Delta-Sierra elected to allocate funds set aside for the event to increase scholarship award amounts.

In closing, this summer will be a busy time of planning and preparing for re-opening of our schools. It is important to not become overwhelmed by this process. Instead, I encourage you to focus on the fact that the majority of children across the nation have never been more eager to return to school and that parents have never been more thankful for educators. Also, please be sure to make self-care paramount and continue to invest in relationship building it will provide the greatest return!

Thankful for all of the hard work that you do,

Melissa Parrett
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Please visit the CASCWA San Joaquin Section Website at:
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CASCWA San Joaquin Section President's Message

Praxades Torres III

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Dear CASCWA Members and Friends,

Just a few months ago, none of us imagined that we'd experience a period of such uncertainty. Covid-19 is an ongoing pandemic, and as a result, a lot has quickly changed for all of us— schools are closed, sports are discontinued, time with friends means wearing a mask and being six feet apart, and summertime plans are on hold. This is also a time for heartfelt re-evaluations of what matters most for civil society. We're listening, learning, and coming together around issues of social justice.



What has remained constant during these past few months is our commitment to caring for the children and youth in our school districts and communities.

It's an honor to serve as the new president of the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA.

What I've observed across the San Joaquin Valley is educators stepping up to serve and stepping out of our normal roles. We've helped our students adjust to schools being closed and to transition to distance learning. We've made sure our students have learning packets, technology, connectivity, and food. We've helped address our student's well-being while they struggle with social isolation, stress and anxiety. We've made sure that outreach touches all students and families, helping those struggling the most to attend and engage in school. And, we've demonstrated acts of kindness in big and small ways. You're our superheroes!

It's now summertime. We're all deeply involved in planning for reopening schools in safe and engaging new ways. I look forward to sharing how my district, Parlier Unified School District, moves forward, and to learning from all of you about how to open the new school year stronger and better than ever.

We're in this together.

Stay well,

Praxades Torres III
San Joaquin Section President

The 2020-21 San Joaquin Section slate of officers are: Praxades Torres – President, Maisie Young - Vice President, Angelica Rios - Treasurer, James Tate - Secretary, Robin Gainey - Webmaster and Dr. Kevin Torosian – Past President.

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

CASCWA Southern Section President's Message

Rick Riegel

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Dear CASCWA Members and Friends,

This has been an extraordinarily difficult time for our country as a whole, and our schools and school districts, in particular.

During the past several months, the nation lost over 100,000 people to the COVID-19 virus, and our unemployment numbers skyrocketed to over 20%. We watched on the news the killing of George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery. The grief and outrage that we have felt from this racial violence during this time of crisis has accentuated the traumatic repercussions on our students and staff, and heightened our consciousness of personal bias and systemic prejudice against African Americans and other people of color.

As the call for change reverberates throughout society, I think about what I can do to make a difference to promote love and respect and confront racism, hate and unfairness. That is one of the reasons that CASCWA is so important and why I have valued my involvement. From addressing the inequity in student discipline, to eliminating the school to prison pipeline, to promoting restorative practices, and preventing discrimination, harassment and bullying, CASCWA strives to promote equity in education.

The voices of our members have been instrumental in helping students through education and confronting disproportionately based on race and other protected classes. For Southern Section, our primary focus this year will be to bring together speakers and resources to help us in this work in April 2021 at the State Conference in San Diego. We know that trainings and conferences for school districts will be restricted, but the need for coming together next spring for collective insight and collegial challenge will be more important than ever. We hope that you will make sure to join us next year for 2020 VISION for Student Services.

If you have any suggestions or ideas that could be of benefit to the edification of the professionals in CASCWA and Student Services, please let me and/or other board members of CASCWA know. We represent all of Southern California, and want to be connected and encouraging in this work. Ultimately, we want to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. What a great opportunity we all have!

Sincerely,

Rick Riegel
Southern Section President



CASCWA

ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

New date...
mark your
calendars!

April 26-28, 2021

Bahia Resort Hotel
San Diego, California

2020 VISION

For Student Services, Reexamined

Presented by CASCWA Southern Section

CLIMATE & CULTURE

ATTENDANCE

SAFE SCHOOLS PLAN

CULTURAL COMPETENCE
& EQUITY

WELLNESS & HEALTH

ATTENTION TO
SPECIAL POPULATIONS



Bahia Resort Hotel ❖ San Diego, California

SAN DIEGO 2021 STATE CONFERENCE - SOUTHERN SECTION
CASCWA 2021

Monday, April 26, Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 28

Rick Riegel and the entire CASCWA Southern Section Executive Board were within days of posting the 2020 CASCWA State Conference program and list of presenters when the coronavirus shut down our entire nation!

Thanks to Rick's leadership and the efforts of the Southern Section Executive Board we are pleased to announce that we have rescheduled our "2020 Vision" CASCWA State Conference for April 26-28th at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego! The topics for the 2021 State Conference have never been more important to our members! We will have more information to share after our summer zoom planning meeting!

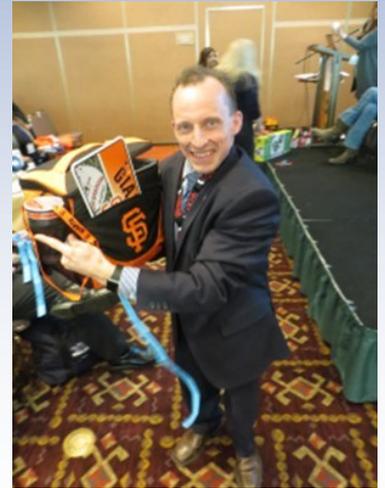
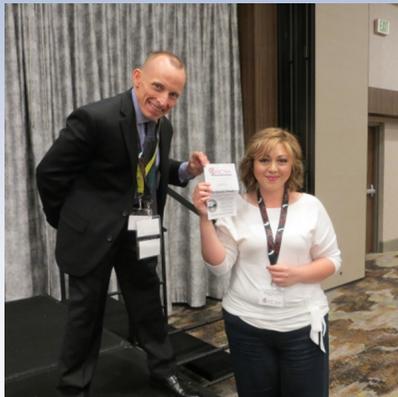


Click here for a video tour of the 2020 CASCWA State Conference Bahia Resort Hotel
<https://www.getawaytoday.com/travel-blog/bahia-resort-hotel-video-tour>

CASCWA's 2020 "Lee Lundberg" Award

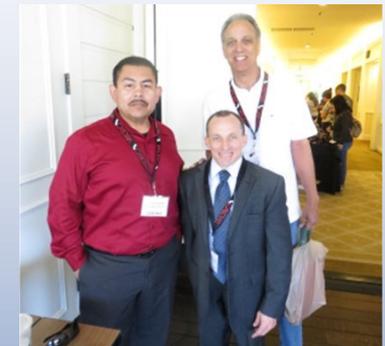
Each year CASCWA recognizes one individual in the state for their contributions and distinguished service to our state wide organization. This award is named after Mr. Lee Lundberg. Mr. Lundberg was with the San Leandro Unified School District. He became a living legend in CASCWA through the many years of service at state and local levels. After he past away this award was named in his honor.

The 2020 Lee Lundberg Award Recipient is Mr. Brian Chandler



Brian Chandler will go down in "CASCWA History" as one of "CASCWA Greatest State Presidents!"

Brian was in charge of Ceres USD Campus Police program. He became a member of the San Joaquin Section. He became our webmaster. Eventually, he worked his way through the levels and became their section president and then on to the 2018-19 CASCWA State Presidency where he was awesome!



Brian's love has always been in law enforcement. In the spring of 2020, he left Ceres USD and became a member of the police department in the City of Ceres. Brian will continue to be part of CASCWA. We wish him well in his new career. Thank you Brian for all that you have done for CASCWA!



CASCWA's 2020 Section Awards

Each year CASCWA recognizes one individual in each of the four main sections for their contributions and distinguished service as determined by their section. Usually, these awards are presented in person at the state conference. Due to the coronavirus, there were no presentations. Each of the awards were determined by their section peers and the awards were sent by mail to the award winners. Congratulations to all!

**CASCWA's Bay Section
2020 Award Recipient
Janet Mc Murray
West Contra Costa USD**



Congratulations Janet!

**CASCWA's Delta Sierra Section
2020 Award Recipient
Joan Jeffery
Shasta County Office of Education**



Congratulations Joan!

**CASCWA's San Joaquin Section
2020 Award Recipient
Robin Gainey
Mojave Unified School District**

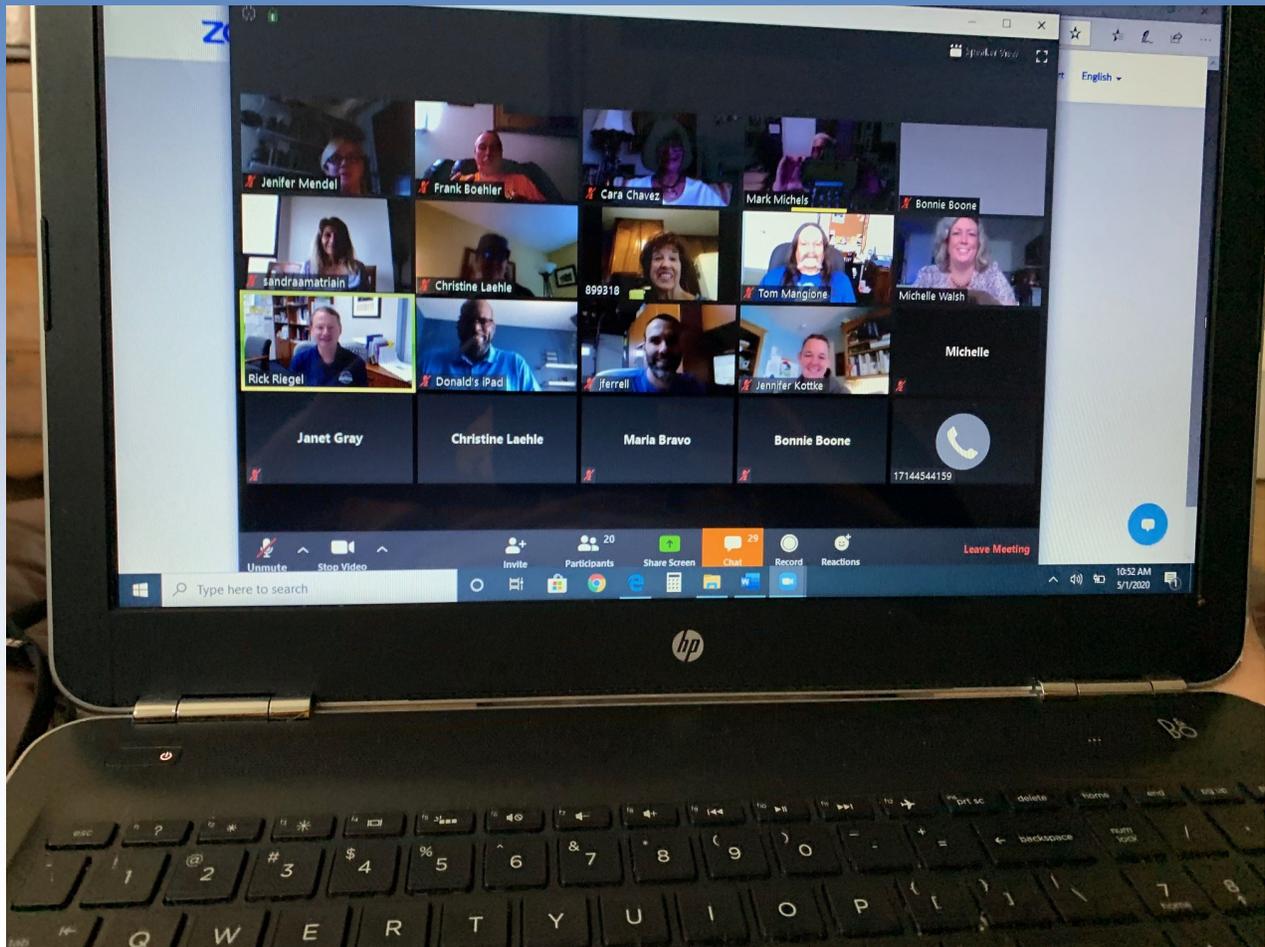


Congratulations Robin!

**CASCWA's Southern Section
2020 Award Recipient
Sandra Amatriain
Yurupa Unified School District Retired**



Congratulations Sandra!



Zoom

Remember the old days when things were a snap! Well today it is all about “Zoom.” Many of our CASCWA members and friends have been sooming it for some time and do to the coronavirus, our CASCWA meetings are now in the forms of zooms!

Many of us have found zoom to be a great way to connect with our family members, special committees, other organizations and even just a one on one meeting!

To learn how to use zoom, please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl32Xk2Va7M&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

To learn how to host a zoom’s free 40 minute session, please go to:

<https://zoom.us/>

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Releases Guidance for Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools



SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced today that the California Department of Education (CDE) has released comprehensive guidance that will support public school leaders across the state as they work with their local health officers to plan for the safe reopening of campuses and classrooms this fall.

Titled "[Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safer Opening of California's Public Schools](#)," the guidance offers considerations and examples of solutions for schools as they work to implement public health recommenda-

tions in an educational environment. The CDE's guidebook—which was developed using the most current information known at the time and may be updated as new data becomes relevant—covers health and safety practices; instructional programs and models, including for special education and English learners; professional relationships and learning; mental health and well-being for staff and students; community engagement and parental support; early learning and care; and school services such as transportation and meals.

"The effects felt by COVID-19 have been widespread and created impacts unlike anything that we've ever seen. As our students return, schools will have to look dramatically different for their own safety and for the opportunity to accelerate learning," Thurmond said. "We know that guidance is only as good as its implementation, so think of this as the beginning of the conversation—not the end. We know that for many of us, this is the toughest challenge that we'll ever face, perhaps in our lifetime. But when it comes to ensuring that California students continue receiving a high-quality education—and doing so safely—we must rise to meet the challenge. Californians, I'm inspired by how you have come together to make it this far."

The CDE guidance is informed by the technical assistance and advice of many health and safety organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Public Health, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and many health officers from counties across the state. The State Superintendent and CDE gathered additional input from focus group conversations with teachers, classified staff, child care providers, superintendents, and public health officials. Important voices were heard during virtual support circles with educators, parents, and students. And additional insight came from consultation with state superintendents, researchers, and experts from throughout the nation.

The guidance document recommends face coverings for students and staff at all times (at school or on a bus), physical distancing (at least six feet of spacing between seats and in hallways and on buses), and regular symptom screening for students and staff.

The State Superintendent and CDE recognize that in order to implement the guidance, school leaders will need steady revenue to rely upon for staffing and personal protective equipment and flexibility on instructional minutes. State Superintendent Thurmond is advocating for and has engaged in dialogue with the Governor's Office, the Department of Finance, the Legislature, and educational stakeholders regarding the resources necessary to reopen safely with physical distancing measures in place.

The guidance document can be found on the [CDE Stronger Together web page](#).

An archived broadcast of today's news conference can be found on [CDE's Facebook page](#).

Parlier Unified School District Praxides Torres

<https://www.parlierunified.org/>



Congratulations to the Parlier Unified School District for being selected as one of California's 2020 Model SARBS. There is no question that this accomplishment is the result of hard work from certificated and classified employees across the district and to numerous community organizations, who support the district's efforts. Superintendent, Jaime Robles, and the entire Parlier Unified School District's Board of Education have a lot to be proud about when they earned this distinguished recognition.

The editors of the Intercom would like to commend Mr. Praxides Torres for this incredible accomplishment, but more importantly to his dedication to the fields of child welfare and attendance, the Parlier Unified School District and to CASCWA.

Praxides has been on the board of the CASCWA San Joaquin section for several years. The editors have had the honor of meeting him several times. This editor has had conversations about Praxides with Dennis Wiechman, Brian Chandler and Kevin Torosian. I wish that I recorded their words. They spoke of his incredible devotion to the students in Parlier USD. They described him as quiet, unselfish, a team player and exceptionally knowledgeable. In their words, they described a man that everyone in the fields of child welfare should exemplify.

THIS VIDEO IS A MUST TO SEE. PLEASE GO TO:

<https://youtu.be/Y-ZlhZsN3Rg>

Also please go to:

<https://abc30.com/education/parlier-unified-offering-telehealth-services-to-students/6202024/>

The editors of the Intercom recently received the youtube link to a dynamic video presentation that David Kopperud presented at a recent State SARB Meeting. His description of the video was, "Below is a link to a great ABC 30 Story on one of our 2020 Model SARBS, featuring Praxides Torres and Parlier Unified School Districts. The youtube link is a provocative and entertaining video about chronic absenteeism and how it was addressed in the Parlier Unified School District. I think you will find this video both informative and upbeat. Although attendance supervision is going to adapt, due to the impact of COVID-19 on days of instruction, I am confident that Parlier and the other 2020 Model SARBS are going to continue their progress in addressing inequity in education."

We are living in such challenging times! A special thank you to Parlier USD & Mr. Torres for this positive "Message" reminding us "WHAT IS RIGHT IN AMERICA!"



California's Model SARBs

Below you will find the names of the 2020 State Model SARB Districts and the SARB's chairperson. In a normal year, we would be showing you their pictures receiving their awards at the state conference. This is indeed not a normal year. Feel free to contact the chairperson and congratulate this achievement or to just ask them any questions about the process. Please throw your hat in the ring for the 2021 process. It should be very exciting.

The 2020 Model SARB Award Recipients are:

Jesse Beed, **Bakersfield City Elementary School District**, beedj@bcasd.com
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State School Attendance Review Boards (State SARB)

CASCWA commends David Kopperud and all of the members of the State School Attendance Review Board not only for the success of this year's "Model SARB Awards", but the incredible progress that has taken place in improving school attendance and making school attendance a major visible priority for all school districts in California.

David has served under several state superintendents of schools. Today, State Superintendent of Schools, Tony Thurmond, faces challenges that no other state superintendent of school has ever had to face. There will be change. There is uncertainty. Business will not be done as usual. It is up to all of us to do our part and make a difference for tomorrow. We know that regular school attendance, in tomorrow's educational programs being delivered, will be critical for the success of all of children in California.

We know that we will look to the State School Attendance Review Board for leadership, information and interaction for the 2020-21 school year and for years to come.

State SARB Handbook

When we talk to David Kopperud about the most important link that he would like for our members to connect to for the improvement of school attendance, he always mentions the SARB Handbook that is posted on the CDE webpage. Below is the link:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/sarbhandbook.asp>

We would be negligent if we did not also mention the incredible amount of information, links and contacts that have been placed on the "CDE's Website" listed below:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/>

CASCWA's State SARB Webpage

Our CASCWA President, Jeni Mendel, has started her 2020-21 presidency with many goals. One of her major goals is the updating and ongoing maintenance of CASCWA's two websites. Our www.cascwa.org site contains specific information on our organization. Our [www.wildapricot](http://www.wildapricot.org) site contains specific information on events and activities. It also the website that maintains our databases for the state conference, membership and section activities.

If you have been to www.cascwa.org you can see several pages that have been updated and several pages that are under construction. Please have patience with our team. Each of our sections have named a section webmaster who will receive training during the next two months and they will form a team for the constant updating needed. This is great news for CASCWA.

Our Past State President, Evelyn Ocasio, had planned on announcing, at this year's state conference, that CASCWA was adding a separate page named "State SARB Webpage." Unfortunately, that announcement could not be made due to the coronavirus crisis. Fortunately, a team of "CASCWA Executive Board Members" is taken action to make this webpage dream a reality. The team includes, David Kopprud, CDE, Andrew Kevy, Hayward USD, Jennifer Gomez Trejo, Student Support Services Solutions, Inc – s4edconsultants.org, Jeni Mendel, Grossmont UHSD, Retired.

The team met recently. They started with a concept page for the site. The majority of the information focused on the links needed by membership to CDE's attendance improving/SARB website pages, Model SARBs and the Model SARB programs, school district and county offices best practices, current hot topics/more, and, of course, the link to the "State SARB Handbook."

Jennifer Gomez Trejo was given the task of taking this concept and developing the structure that will soon be put in place. The page is already on our website at <https://www.cascwa.org/state-sarb>. Right now, all that you can see is that this page is under construction. Hopefully, it will be up and running soon. The team has a goal of making this page a document where educators throughout the state can find information and resources to maintain and improve student attendance. We will send out a membership wide email when it is up and running.

Model SARB Power Points

Several of this year's model SARB recipients put together exceptional power point presentations. We are not including the power points in this edition of the Intercom. We plan on placing them on the State SARB Webpage and sending out in the notice once the website is operating. On behalf of CASCWA and the children of California, we congratulate everyone who participated in this year's program. One can only imagine next year's "Model SARB" process as each district face the challenges of the 2020-21 school year!

**FLOOR REPORT 2020 –2021
STATE BUDGET
JUNE 4, 2020 VERSION 1**



**Floor Report
2020 - 2021
State Budget**

**June 4, 2020
Version 1**

Phil Ting

**Chair, Assembly Budget
Committee**

Please go to:

<https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/Floor%20Report%20of%20the%202020-21%20Budget.pdf>



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE TEAM June 2020



The picture on the left is of Sherman Garnett in 2001. Ever since Sherman joined CASCWA, he has been a positive force for CASCWA. This is especially true in the field of legislation. Over the years, Sherman, a past CASCWA state president, has worked with a large number of associates to meet with legislatures, address legislative committees, speak on individual topics and always communicate with our members. We are currently living in a time when significant legislation is occurring at the federal and state level. We expect a lot from Sherman and his team in 2020-2021!



Our Legislative Team

Joining Sherman this year are two true child advocates. First, pictured on the left is Dan Martin. Dan is the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance in the Los Banos Unified School District. Pictured on the right is Dr. Allen Dosty. He is the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance in the Lodi Unified School District. Our team is exceptionally qualified. We are in the process of updating our CASCWA website at www.cascwa.org and one of the webpages will focus entirely on legislation. We plan on having current information constantly on the website. We will let you know when it is up and running. We greatly appreciate our team of Dan, Sherman and Allen! For current bill information, please go to: <https://legiscan.com/CA/legislation/2020>

CASCWA's Membership News

Tom Mangione "A Blast from the Past"



Tom Mangione 2001



Tom Mangione 2021

It has been over a decade since Tom Mangione last served as CASCWA's Membership Chairman. In February, Tom rejoined our executive and is working hard to solidify our membership data base.

He has personally engulfed himself in our membership data base, He has made several corrections and changes. Tom is looking forward to the up-coming membership drive for the fall.

Normally, our members renew during the annual state conference. That did not occur this year and there soon be a push for membership renewal.

Tom had a distinguished career in the Los Angeles Unified School District. After retiring, Tom moved to Morro Bay and has been living the life. We are lucky to have this fine gentleman back on our team. We look forward to Tom keeping up the good work of others.

CASCWA Membership

Tom is currently busy revising our membership page. You can go to <http://cascwa.wildapricot.org/page-1811130> and renew your membership. Tom has set the data base to recognize the year of membership as being 365 days from the date of the renewal. We anticipate that Tom will be doing a membership push as we near the beginning of the 2020-21 school year! We welcome Tom back to our CASCWA Executive Board!



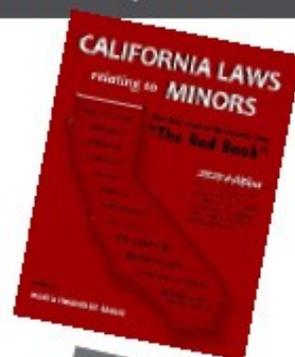
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California Laws Relating to Minors 2020

The "Red Book" is an essential reference guide for schoolsite and district/central office administrators and other professionals who deal with schools and juveniles. It also serves as a textbook for college and university programs. As the title reflects, this publication contains more than 2,200 current California Code Sections along with related Federal Laws and Administrative Guidelines that relate to minors. Featured sections are drawn from the Education Code, Family Code, Health and Safety Code, Penal Code, and Welfare and Institutions Code. Subject areas include Enrollment, Health and Wellness, Attendance, Discipline, Student Records, Special Education, and much, much more! A one-of-a-kind publication, the "Red Book" also serves as a funding source for student scholarships.

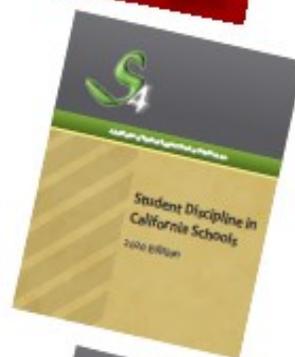
Book – \$89.95 eBook – \$49.95 Bundle – \$109.95



Student Discipline in California Schools 2020

This guide features easy-to-read guidelines and checklists, 32 sample forms and notices, and all pertinent codes and regulations related to the suspension and expulsion process. Includes sections on the maintenance of discipline records, school enrollment & readmission of expelled students, charter school considerations, school safety plans, and data collection obligations.

Book – \$49.95 eBook – \$25.00 Bundle – \$64.95



Student Records in California Schools 2020

This guide features easy-to-read guidelines and checklists, 31 sample forms and notices, and all pertinent codes and regulations related to the maintenance, disclosure, amendment, transfer, and destruction of student records. Includes guidance on records specifically related to school enrollment, health, students with disabilities, and more.

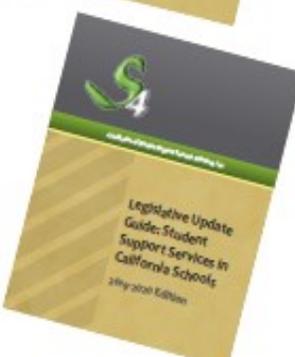
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Legislative Update Guide: Student Support Services in California Schools 2019-2020

A compilation of over 95 newly enacted legislation related to student services. The publication highlights policy and notification requirements which will assist schools with their revisions and updates to current procedures and practices. This year, statutory amendments and additions impact areas such as school enrollment and attendance, student discipline, and health and wellness.

Book – \$29.95



CASCWA's 2020 Scholarship Update



Bay Section Scholarship Awards:

The Bay Section has awarded 12 - \$500 scholarship awards to a very deserving group of students with compelling stories. Each scholarship recipient has overcome unique obstacles and hardships to graduate. Due to Covid-19, our Bay Section was unable to hold a Spring Workshop where we honor our "Scholarship Recipients" in person.

The Bay section received 40 scholarship applications and selected 12 from the following school districts: **Berkeley, Newark, San Francisco, Liberty, Hayward, Watsonville, Konocti and West Contra Costa.**

Janet McMurray, who has done an incredible job with our scholarship program for years, will follow up through Letters being mailed out with the checks once fall confirmation of enrollment has been received

The following is a list of our 2019-20 scholarship awardees:

- Vianey Villanueva - Pajaro Valley USD
- Natalia Schofield - Konocti USD
- Deyanira Cardenas - Konocti USD
- Joshua Avery - Berkeley USD
- Cesar Castillo - Newark USD
- Joann Chang - San Francisco USD
- Kathy Dao - San Francisco USD
- Liliana Garcia - Konocti USD
- Cynthia Gomez - Hayward USD
- Alan Yahir Lopez Cervantes - WCCUSD
- Abigail Rickli - Liberty Union
- Avery Rickli - Liberty Union

[Congratulations to all!](#)

Delta Sierra Scholarship Awards:

The annual Richard C. Davis scholarship was established by the Delta Sierra Section of the California Association of Supervisors Child Welfare and Attendance to recognize the contributions Rich Davis has made to the association and for the enduring services he has rendered to school age students.

Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually to a Continuation or Alternative school graduate who is planning to continue their education in college or a vocational training school. The scholarship award was designed to recognize the resiliency of a student who has overcome personal obstacles to graduate from high school.

Delta Sierra is proud to announce the offering of a recurring scholarship opportunity to previous Richard C. Davis Scholarship recipients. To re-apply for the Richard C. Davis Scholarship, students must still be attending college or a vocational training school to be considered. Scholarship recipients to be announced.



Two CASCWA Past Presidents:
Joe Taylor (left) and Richard C Davis (right)

CASCWA's 2020 Scholarship Update Continued



San Joaquin Scholarship Awards:

CASCWA's San Joaquin section is made up of Central California school professionals who work with students in areas of attendance, truancy or behavior matters.

By providing cash awards and scholarships, we recognize those students who, through hard work and support, made the commitment and succeeded in improving their character. They "turned it around."

We urge school staff in comprehensive, alternative or charter schools to help identify and assist those students who are applying for these grants. For the students who win this award, it represents a belief in them, recognition of their achievements, and commitment to their future. Additional and helpful information can be found on the **[Anthony Brucia Success Awards Foundation web page.](#)**

This year, our San Joaquin Section's scholarship recipients are Araya Stone Bencoma of Big Pine High School, Abigail Halsey of Lemoore Middle College, Jose Romaldo of Parlier High School, Madeline May of Mesquite High School and Kyleigh Austin of Templeton High School.

Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship, and is eligible to receive \$1,000/year for four years if they remain enrolled in school in good standing. We also gave each of the winners a \$100 gift card to go out and celebrate their accomplishment in lieu of our inability to gather for our annual scholarship luncheon.

Southern Scholarship Awards:

In the 1990's, the Southern Section scholarship program was launched under the leadership of Karen Saunders, Agnes Moss and Mark Michels. Cara Chavez took on the task of coordinating Southern Section's Scholarship Program. She did a great job!

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.

Congratulations to Hasan and Courtney, winners of the 2020 scholarship!

Hasan was placed on a Student Attendance Review Board contract in 2016. With the support of the program, he has overcome many personal difficulties and will now be graduating on time from Santana High School. He wants to pursue a career in medicine with the goal of eventually becoming a doctor and assisting others like himself in his community.

Courtney began receiving truancy intervention services at her current school, IDEA Center, in 2018. She is also graduating this year on time and intends to attend college to pursue a degree in the arts. We also wish to thank Deputy Probation Officer Jennifer Seltentright for personally delivering the scholarship awards.

We are working on the 2020-21 Scholarship information and application form. It will be placed on the CASCWA website soon.



[Read the full report >](#)

www.sia-us.com/ericas-editorial

McKinsey's latest report reveals jaw-dropping and disheartening results all at the same time in **COVID-19 and student learning in the United States: The hurt could last a lifetime.**

"How much learning students lose during school closures varies significantly by access to remote learning, the quality of remote instruction, home support, and the degree of engagement."

From the report:

- Only 60 percent of low-income students are regularly logging into online instruction
- 90 percent of high-income students are logging in
- Engagement rates are also lagging behind in schools serving predominantly black and Hispanic students
 - Just 60 to 70 percent are logging in regularly

If school closures and part-time schedules continue intermittently through the 2020-21 school year, "the average (learning) loss is seven months. We estimate that this would exacerbate existing achievement gaps by 15 to 20 percent."

What can be done?



TAKE ATTENDANCE

- I get it...I know I sound like a broken record, repeating myself over and over again on why taking attendance and tracking data is still critically necessary.
- Depending on your LEA, you may be absolved from taking and reporting attendance for accountability &/or apportionment purposes.
- "How much learning students lose during school closures varies significantly by access to remote learning, the quality of remote instruction, home support, and the degree of engagement."
- **TAKING ATTENDANCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO IDENTIFY THE DEGREE THESE BARRIERS EXIST**



COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT

INTERVENE & OUTREACH

- "These numbers are sobering—but they are not inevitable...It is therefore urgent to intervene immediately to support vulnerable students."
- **A glimmer of hope!**
- We must connect and support families. Communicating in the native language, across all channels and with rigor, is a small step in the right direction to identifying specific barriers and challenges students are facing with the distance learning environment.



TRACK DATA

- Here is an example of the key elements that Texas will be tracking via new attendance codes:
- **THEY TRACK:**
 - ✓ *The number of students who are infrequently engaging in their distance learning instruction under COVID-19 circumstance.*
 - ✓ *The number of students who they have been unable to contact*
 - ✓ *The number of students they had difficulty contacting for multiple days, reengaged in their continued learning activities, but then lose track again.*
- In addition, the above information should be categorized in terms of special population students such as those that live in foster homes and the homeless as well as demographically to include gender, race and grade level!"

[Watch Erica's latest webinar >](#)

www.sia-us.com/post/resilience-student-attendance-summit

Attention²Attendance[®]

Helping districts meet the challenges in the classroom, online or in a blended environment

To help current and new partner districts meet the challenges of engaging with families during school closures, we expanded our services with COVID-19-specific messaging and tracking. As the message changes, we will continue to meet our clients' needs—so schools can focus on supporting families.



**TAKE
ATTENDANCE**



**COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT
Intervene & Outreach**



**TRACK
DATA**

Effectively communicating across the digital divide



We're reaching students who are not engaging or logging in for distance learning—with a letter.

No matter what schools look like when they reopen in the fall, we're supporting attendance tracking and district communications across the digital divide.

Let's start today!



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<https://www.sia-us.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/K12Achievement/>

The Intercom Editors wish to thank SI&A's Erica Peterson and the entire SI&A team for helping districts throughout the state to get the 2019-20 school year to get off to a great start!

Jeni Mendel's "Website" Pages



Over the past several years, the editors of the CASCWA Intercom and Connection have received ongoing 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!

Ed Source Education and the coronavirus crisis: What's the latest?

<https://edsource.org/2020/education-and-coronavirus-whats-the-latest/625119>

COVID19 CA Gov

https://covid19.ca.gov/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=coronavirus&utm_campaign=ca-covid19response&utm_term=coronavirus&gclid=CjwKCAjw-L2BRA_EiwAacX32SvsWHEXVgegpp9R4xgaDvxXg9Krc987cji02wx8N05Ayu9EVg882BoC3CYQAvD_BwE

Childhood Education International: Emerging From Crisis: Covid-19 Guide for Reopening Primary Schools and ECD Programs

https://acei.org/article/education-emerging-from-crisis-post-covid-19/?gclid=CjwKCAjw-L2BRA_EiwAacX32fg4nAcrXrAEJ_ux4B0HBcd1Y1fb-VDIMufXmpFpuEigR5GDpKlaNBocDaYQAvD_BwE

National Public Radio (NPR) - 9 Ways Schools Will Look Different When (And If) They Reopen

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/24/842528906/what-it-might-look-like-to-safely-reopen-schools>

By The Numbers: California's Revised 2020-21 Budget

<https://www.capradio.org/articles/2020/05/15/by-the-numbers-californias-revised-2020-21-budget/>

Ed Source: LA Unified plans expanded summer school as 'just about every' student is now connected online
Summer session will offer new classes in sports science, animated film and more.

<https://edsource.org/2020/la-unified-plans-expanded-summer-school-as-just-about-every-student-is-now-connected-online/631280>

Schools in China right now

https://webmail.spectrum.net/index.php/mail/viewmessage/getattachment/uniqueId/103574/account/0/filenameOriginal/16142_-799013016.mp4/filenameModified/16142_-799013016.mp4?folder=SU5CT1g%253D

The California Parent and Youth Helpline provides support and resource referrals to parent and youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic

<https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/>

CDE Weekly COVID-19 Update

Please check back regularly to www.cde.ca.gov as we are constantly updating it with valuable and timely information. To subscribe to this weekly update, please email join-covid19-update@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

U.S. Department of Education On May 22, 2020, ED published an FAQ document for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund on the Elementary and Secondary Education's GEER web page:

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/05/FAQs-GEER-Fund.pdf>.

FEMA Applicants' Briefings for COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance

The briefings are for all local governments, special districts, school districts, tribal governments, state agencies, and eligible private non-profit organizations that provided an essential social service.

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/covid-19/dr-4482-virtual-applicants-briefing>

The link below is from LACOE's "Remote or Distance Learning and Attendance" presentation on Wednesday, May 20th. Dr. Erin Simon, Long Beach USD, Erica Peterson, SI&A, and Brenda Tapp, A2A, shared their best practices, insights and resources throughout the presentation.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2bww8rvnae1kk9h/AAB7XAme7ReyqiR1wS6y0TMDa?dl=0>

Nutrition Services Division: This week's COVID-19 School and Child and Adult Day Care Meals Guidance update includes additional resources to support your operation during the COVID-19.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/schoolmeals.asp>

Jeni Mendel's "Website" Pages Continued

Attendance Works is a non-profit, national and state initiative.

www.attendanceworks.org

Sign up for our newsletter: <https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/contact/aam-updates>

L A County Schools Rising to the Challenge of COVID-19: Planning Framework for the 2020-21 School Year

<https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/School-Reopening>

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Guide to Using the Attendance Playbook: Smart Strategies for Reducing Chronic Absenteeism in the Covid Era

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/attendance-playbook/>

Jeni Mendel's "Youtubes" Sites

Chino Valley USD Students Spread Hope During School Closures Due to COVID-19

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3_crTZ0NHg

CA state superintendent discusses future of schools amid COVID-19 pandemic – Watch ABC7 News

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

CA state superintendent discusses guidelines to reopen schools

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byASXJRndP4>

Coronavirus CA: Governor Gavin Newsom lays out 4 stages to reopen California businesses, schools

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7TRQoFHI7w>

Coronavirus Changes: Students Face New Normal When Schools Reopen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYOS69M-nNE>

How has COVID-19 changed the future of California schools?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUL12FOSQJ0>

Teaching special education during the COVID-19 pandemic;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGXWwWodt5E>

Gov. Gavin Newsom gives update on reopening California amid COVID-19 pandemic – WATCH LIVE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jU5QFQWUkqk>

Why Bill Gates believes schools will reopen in the fall, economy will restart in May 2020

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

Explaining coronavirus to kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7FGrt80dk>

How Orange County leaders could resolve raging debate over coronavirus mask use

<https://www.ocregister.com/2020/06/07/how-orange-county-leaders-could-resolve-raging-debate-over-coronavirus-mask-use/>

Teacher in Coronavirus Lockdown Daily Log

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDxKfN4rdLo>

Coronavirus Rhapsody (based on Bohemian Rhapsody) - Covid19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Eo9M4-BrJA>

The Funniest Coronavirus Memes And Jokes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZzN_b2B0GE

Hilarious Videos of Pets Up to No Good During Coronavirus Quarantine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNf1LlofwJYQ>

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 We hope to see you Monday, April 26, to Wednesday, April 28, 2021. "CASCWA State Conference" being held at the Bahia Resort Hotel in Mission Bay, San Diego

For more information about CASCWA, please go to

<http://www.cascwa.org/>

The co-editors of the CASCWA Intercom are Jennifer Kottke & Frank Boehler. We hope that you have enjoyed this edition of the Intercom. If you have any suggestions for future articles or other comments, Please contact Jennifer Kottke at: Kottke_Jennifer@jacoe.edu or Frank Boehler at frank_boehler@roadrunner.com.