



LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Under Karen Sakata's leadership fourteen Region 6 administrators met with our legislators to support our students and our profession on Legislative Action day on March 16 at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

ACSA is supporting AB 631 (Bonilla) - Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. ACSA's is sponsoring AB 631 (Bonilla) that will provide 900 million for instructional materials, professional development and technology to ensure LEAs have the resources to fully implement CCSS and NGSS and the computer-adaptive, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments.

ACSA is also sponsoring SB 460 (Allen) - English learner (EL) Reclassification Funding and Accountability. Will allow LEAs to continue receiving supplemental and concentration grant funding under the LCFF for two additional fiscal years after the EL pupil has been reclassified as RFEP. As a condition of receiving the additional funding, LEAs must identify any specialized programs/services provided to RFEP pupils that enable them to maintain and advance English language proficiency and ensure access to Common Core State Standards.

Repeal Cap on District Reserves - Restricting the size of school district reserves could threaten the solvency of school districts around the state.



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**Early Bird
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March 20, 2015**

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ACSA PRINCIPALS ACADEMY

By: Rose Lock

The 70-hour Principals Academy for 2014-15 will be wrapping up in April. Our participants include teacher leaders, site co-administrators, district administrators, as well as principals. We have had an outstanding slate of presenters for topics such as Principal as Communicator of Vision, Monitoring CCSS Instruction, School Finance, School Climate and Culture, 21st Century Schools, Personnel/School Law, and Learning Assessments.

The culminating session in April will have a panel of superintendents who will share their professional journey and dispense career advice for our new and aspiring principals. This year's panel includes the following superintendents from Region 6: Dr. Nellie Meyer from Mt. Diablo USD; Jim Negri, retiring Superintendent from Castro Valley USD; and Karen Sakata, newly elected Superintendent of Contra Costa County Office of Education.

The Principals Academy will be offered again in Region 6 (Concord) for 2015-16 with Co-Directors Rose Lock (lockr@mdusd.org) and Julie Braun Martin (braunmartinj@mdusd.org). Here are dates:

September 18-19, 2015

October 23-24, 2015

December 4-5, 2015

January 8-9, 2016

February 5-6, 2016

March 4-5, 2016

April 8-9, 2016

Look for registration information about ACSA academies in upcoming weeks.



DELTA CHARTER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

By: Jeff Varner

Delta Chapter was honored March 12, 2015 to celebrate the best of the best in our Delta Region. We had approximately 220 administrators and community members in attendance for our awards dinner. We cherished the time to listen to the stories and the accomplishments that occur on a daily basis. Many times the commitment and devotion to our children go unnoticed. This night was a special night to celebrate those that have committed their lives and careers to our children's future.

Superintendent of the Year -	Dr. Debbie Burnette, Byron Union School District
Secondary Principal of the Year -	John Jimno, Antioch Unified School District Larry Oshodi, Liberty Union High School District
Elementary Principal of the Year -	Brian Jones, Brentwood Union School District Sylvia Ramirez, Antioch Unified School District Christina Edwards, Oakley Union Elementary District
Central Office Administrator -	Fran Couter, Antioch Unified School District
Classified Leader -	Denise Barrios, Brentwood Union School District
Secondary Co-Administrator -	Maria Gonzalez, Brentwood Union School District
Confidential Employee -	Sue Ferguson, Pittsburg Unified School District Debbie Matteson, Liberty Union High School District
Personnel/Human Resources -	Lynda Sifford, Antioch Unified School District
Business Services Administrator -	Wendy Richard, Byron Union School District
Curriculum and Instruction -	Gail Pinnell, Antioch Unified School District Shannon Ortland, Pittsburg Unified School District
Educational Options Administrator -	Guy Rognlien, Liberty Union High School District
Technology Administrator -	Gina Kroner, Liberty Union High School District



AMADOR VALLEY CHARTER AWARD CELEBRATIONS

By: Ann Cildir

There are so many dedicated hard working administrators who make schools safe, academically rigorous, engaging and welcome places for staff, students and families. With the intent to honor an increased number of ACSA members, the Amador Valley Charter in Region VI offers a variety of award categories that to celebrate many administrative characteristics which make the educational experience second to none.

Our categories are as follows:

Building Positive Culture: Bringing together staff, students and families; promotes positive character traits.

Community Outreach: Increasing family/community involvement by establishing or increasing community partnerships, working to include all segments of the community, promoting community service and/or demonstrating this with personal examples

Behind the Scenes Support: This is the unsung hero who does the job, moves on to the next one, and tackles the responsibilities with humility overcoming work-related challenges.

Innovator of the Year: A leader who has found a creative, unique solution to an issue and then has been able to make/implement a solution.

Exemplifying Leadership: Inspires others through his/her leadership and the person whom you would follow into the trenches.

Leading with a Laugh: Instills humor into the job. Uses humor as an effective leadership tool. Manages stress with humor.

Valuing Respect: One who values all relationships equally, non-judgmental, acknowledges other points of view.

Meeting a Challenge: Inspiring others by overcoming a work-related challenge with a creative response, being a great problem solver.

Integrity in Leadership: Highest moral and ethical standards, exhibits all positive character traits when making decisions.

Continuing Service: An ACSA member who has return to service due to the needs in supporting students in their district. on March 11, 2015, there were 26 administrators in the Amador Valley Charter who were awarded for their contributions as administrators to education.



ACSA CLASSIFIED EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

By: Jean Wells

The first Cohort of the ACSA Classified Educational Leaders (CEL) Academy has successfully completed the 30 hours (five Saturdays) of professional development! Participants celebrated the culmination with a catered lunch by Pittsburg Unified School District! Toasts were made with sparkling cider and cake for dessert.

We look forward to hosting the ACSA CEL Academy again in 2014-15 at the same location - Willow Creek Center in Concord.





ACSA Region 6 Awards and Scholarships

By: Bob Giannini

MINI-GRANTS WINNERS

Brian Ingleby - CCC SELPA—Differentiation of instruction to meet students needs

Katie Gaines - CCCOE: Oakley Middle School outdoor education garden for severely handi-capped students

Linda Granger - Edan Area ROP: Career Pathways summer program for middle grade students

Cindy Hicks-Rodriguez - Fremont School District: Speaking/Listening Skills program to improve student learning

Tom Scruggs - CCCOE/Turner Elementary: Curriculum for significantly disabled students

DUE DATE – March 20, 2015

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Three \$1,000 grants are provided to children of ACSA Region 6 members that are Seniors in High School and going off to college to continue their education.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING SCHOLARSHIPS:

ACSA Region 6 recognizes students that have made significant academic growth and have overcome physical and/or emotional barriers to succeed in school. Winner receives \$1,000 and others nominated \$250 ea.

You will find the application forms and submission addresses by contacting your charter President or going to our region web site. (acsaregion6.org) (click awards/scholarships for the forms)



THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Present

Alan November

Who Owns the Learning

Empowering Students and Teachers through Technology

3-Day Series:

November 18, 2014

February 23, 2015

May 18, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Lunch included)

Del Valle Education Center

1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek CA

Back by popular demand, Alan November is partnering with the Contra Costa County Office of Education and ACSA Region VI to engage teams of educators in a three-day series over six months to learn about and design motivating, rigorous and creative ways to integrate technology. Alan will provide examples of successful technology integration designs across grade levels and subjects. Many are directly aligned to the Common Core Standards. A special emphasis will be placed on empowering students through the application of knowledge, and teaching students to learn to learn. The goal of the series is to help teams implement pioneering work in their schools with planning strategies for building a culture of sharing best practices. Members of a team can include: key district leaders, principals, teachers, librarians, technology support, academic coaches and students.

This interactive, collaborative three-day series will include practical strategies and ideas for:

- * building a culture of engaged students, schools and parents **
- * increasing web literacy and engaging students in global connections **
- * helping students learn to learn and using flipped learning elements **
- * building powerful online communities and connecting to Common Core **

The series is appropriate for teachers, administrators and support staff who are at the novice or veteran level of implementing and integrating technology.

To register for these events, please contact Laura Griffin:

925-942-5358

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowering-students-and-teachers-through-technology-alan-november-registration-13218489859>



ACSA Region 6 Leadership Summit & Awards Dinner June 17-18, 2015

Thriving on the Vine: Leadership in an Age of Engagement

Featured Presenters:

Michael Fullan

Michael Fullan, OC is the former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Recognized as a worldwide authority on educational reform, he advises policymakers and local leaders around the world in helping to achieve the moral purpose of all children learning. From 2004-2013 Michael Fullan served as Special Adviser in Education to the Premier of Ontario. He received the Order of Canada in December 2012 and holds honorary doctorates from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; University of Edinburgh, Scotland; Newman University College, University of Leicester; and Nipissing University in Canada. Fullan is a prolific, award-winning author whose books have been published in many languages.



Anthony Muhammad

Anthony Muhammad, PhD, is a much sought-after consultant. A practitioner for nearly 20 years, he has served as a middle school teacher, assistant principal, and principal, and as a high school principal. His Transforming School Culture approach explores the root causes of staff resistance to change.

Jim Knight

Jim Knight is a research associate in the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning and Director of the Kansas Coaching Project. He has spent close to two decades studying professional learning and instructional coaching. He has written or co-authored several books on the topic including *Unmistakable Impact: A Partnership Approach for Dramatically Improving Instruction*.



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Nolan Bushnell

Nolan Bushnell is a technology pioneer, entrepreneur and scientist. Often cited as the father of the video game industry, he is best known as the founder of Atari Corporation and Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Time Theater. Mr. Bushnell is passionate about enhancing and improving the educational process by integrating the latest in brain science, and truly enjoys motivating and inspiring others with his views on entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation and education.

Patricia Madson

Patricia Madson is the author of *IMPROV WISDOM: Don't Prepare, Just Show Up* (2005) and a professor Emerita from Stanford University. While at Stanford, she won the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Innovation in Undergraduate Education and founded the Creativity Initiative at Stanford, an interdisciplinary alliance of faculty who share the belief that creativity can be taught.



Kenneth Wesson



Kenneth Wesson works as a keynote speaker and education consultant for pre-school through university level institutions and organizations. He speaks throughout the world on the neuroscience of learning and methods for creating classrooms and learning environments that are "brain-compatible." His recent international audiences have included administrators and educators from South America, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Northern Africa, and sub-Saharan Africa. Wesson regularly addresses international educational associations, parent organizations, educational researchers, colleges and universities, along with numerous state departments of education, school districts, and other organizations throughout the United States. In addition to his speeches on the neuroscience of learning, he also lectures on the subjects of early brain development, emotional intelligence, diversity in learning, design and engineering, and curriculum development. He is also asked frequently to serve as an expert witness in court cases involving brain trauma and memory.

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Laura Ryan

Dr. Laura Ryan is a Director of Academic Planning for Scholastic, and has served students from pre-school through graduate school for over 30 years as a classroom teacher, principal, school district administrator, and adjunct faculty member. Formerly a district Director of Special Education, and Administrator of Interventions, she worked to bridge the gap between Special and General Education. With expertise in assessment, literacy, disabilities, dyslexia, and curriculum she has presented at the state, national, and international levels. Laura received her bachelor degree in Human Development from the University of California in Davis, her master's degree in Educational Research and Applications from the University of California in Berkeley, and her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of LaVerne in California.



Shirley Brice Heath

Shirley Brice Heath, linguistic anthropologist, studies learners across the life span in non-formal environments of learning. She gives primary focus to the ways in which speakers, young and old, learn the structures and uses of language as well as the attitudes, gestures, and interactional ways called for in learning environments of all types. In community arts organizations, she has examined the learning outcomes that result when youth living in underresourced communities participate in planning, creating, producing, and critiquing products and performances. Within community sites dedicated to involving young people in sustained science learning, she has given special attention to the ways in which science learning demands close analysis of visual detail, trial and error, sketching and modeling projects, and strategic problem-solving. In her research on families, friendship groups, and community organizations, she studies how responsible roles accelerate desires.

Erik Palmer

Erik Palmer is an educational consultant from Denver, Colorado. He is a frequent presenter at national, regional, and state conferences. He has given keynotes and led in-service trainings for districts across the US and Mexico. Palmer focuses on two topics: improving student oral communication and updating instruction. Palmer is the author of four books: *Well-Spoken: Teaching Speaking to All Students* (Stenhouse Publishers, 2011); *Digitally Speaking: How to Improve Student Presentations with Technology* (Stenhouse Publishers, 2012); *Teaching the Core Skills of Listening & Speaking* (ASCD, 2014); and *Researching in a Digital World* (ASCD, 2015).



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Superintendent Panel Systems Transformation Collaborative

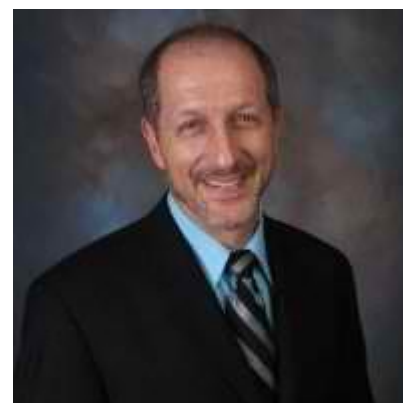


Janet Schulze, Superintendent of Pittsburg USD

Based on the district’s work with the Fullan Project, Pittsburg Unified School District administrative leadership and teacher leadership have been better able to articulate the alignment between site instructional frameworks and district instructional focus, resulting in better “systemness.” The Fullan work and teacher-leader participation in site leadership teams, along with the district’s focus on utilization of researchbased strategies, has resulted in an increased leadership base and a better understanding of the role of the teacher leader in driving systems change currently underway in the district.

Fred Brill, Superintendent of San Lorenzo USD

The three-year partnership with Dr. Fullan, UC Davis, and the other three districts includes District Leaders Training and School Leadership Teams Training. In San Lorenzo USD, the focus is on building the collective capacity of the entire organization to make the changes that are needed, rather than "fixing" individuals. Activities focus on all levels of the organization learning through collaboration, sustained focus on learning and teaching, analysis of learning cycles and lateral learning across schools, districts and the project as a whole.



Patrick Sweeney, Superintendent of Napa Valley USD

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2015 ACSA Region 6 Awards Dinner Recognitions

Superintendent

Debbie Burnette

Secondary Principal

Larry Oshodi

David Luongo

Middle Grades Principal

Walter Lewis

Patrick Martin

John Jimno

Rebecca Ingram

Elementary Principal

Brett Nelson

Denise Hohn

Christina Edwards

Laura Lembo

Mary Louise Newling

Jim Hough

Jeannette Ramirez

Robin Sehrt

Sonja Bell

Brian Jones

Sylvia Ramirez

Central Office Administrator

Soleste Hilberg

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Krista Taylor

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Helen Gladden

Mark Cameron

Kristina Palos

Maria Gonzalez

Sharita Williams

Sebastian Bull

Elementary Co-Administrator

Anne Cildir

Classified Leader

Charlene Aquino

Kenneth McDaniel

Denise Barrios

Lynda Sifford, Director

Confidential Employee

Elizabeth Warren

Debbie Matteson

Sue Ferguson

Debbie Haynie

Nels Nelson Award

Jim Negri

Administrator

Raul Zamora

Ken Whitemore

Diane Manske

Adult Ed Administrator

Susan Passeggi

Special Education Administrator

Karen Russell

Ken Talken

Business Services Administrator

Noreen Bastian

Wendy Richard

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Curriculum & Instruction Administrator

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Darrel Avilla

Retired Administrator

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Evans**

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Robert E. Kelly Award

Leslie Rothwell

Valuing Diversity Award

Tess Johnson

Marcus Foster

Tovi Scruggs

President's Award

Janet Haun