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ACSA Region 6 Election

2018 Slate of Candidates Election Open March 2 – March 13, 2018

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President-Elect

Pam VandeKamp

Currently, I am the Director of Assessment and Accountability for the Pleasanton Unified School District. I have been a member of ACSA since 2007. I began my administrative career as an elementary principal in San Lorenzo Unified School District and served as the charter president from 2014-2017. In my role as charter president, I attended Quarterly Board of Directors meetings and became more active in the Regional Leadership, serving as an alternate for the Delegate Assembly. In 2016, I became the Region 6 Treasurer, while continuing to serve as a Delegate to the renamed Leadership Assembly. In these roles, I have been able to increase my skills as a leader and as an advocate for education.

I believe that ACSA, at the charter, regional and state levels serves as a critical vehicle for professional networking, leadership development and political advocacy for our students and schools. Last year I had the privilege of attending the ACSA Legislative Action Day in Sacramento and met in person with our legislative representatives to advocate for essential systems of equity for our students and for our members. In my role as President Elect, I hope to continue this path of advocacy while assisting the Region President in meeting her goals for our organization.



Vice President - Staff Development

Hilary Dito

I have over 20 years of educational experience to bring to the ACSA Region 6 board. Throughout my career, I have organized workshops, learning communities, and conferences. In my current role as STEAM Coordinator at Contra Costa County Office of Education, I routinely plan professional learning opportunities for district and site educators.

I have been organizing the SF Bay Area STEAM Colloquium for five years. The STEAM Colloquium included keynote presenters and breakout sessions for over 200 educators. I am excited to work with ACSA Regon 6 to develop high-quality learning events for school leaders. This year I have been honored to work with our current VP of Staff Development.

I have been an active member in the Diablo Valley Charter and served as the communications officer as well as helping to organize our annual events. For the last three years, I have also been the Web Manager for ACSA Region 6.



Region 6 Representative to the ACSA State Board of Directors

Parvin Ahmadi

I am currently the Superintendent of Castro Valley Unified School District. Prior to becoming the Superintendent in Castro Valley, I served as Superintendent of the Pleasanton Unified School District for five years following my role as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Fremont Unified School District.

I started my career in education as a teacher in San Jose where I taught for ten years before moving to Fremont as a teacher. In Fremont, I also served as a vice principal, principal, director, and assistant superintendent for thirteen years before becoming the Superintendent in Pleasanton. I served as the representative of the Alameda and Contra Costa County Superintendents to the ACSA Superintendency Council for three years. In 2017, I was appointed to the State Assembly Speaker *Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood* representing superintendents throughout California. The Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood is working on short term and long term recommendations due in 2020.

I hold a Bachelor's degree from San Jose State, a Masters in Teaching from National Louis University in Chicago, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College of California. Through our collaboration with the Society of Organizational Learning (SOL), I have been able to lead efforts in systems thinking in Alameda County, helping to plan and organize regional events. I have also been a presenter for the ACSA's Superintendent Academy for several years. For thirty years, I have been a fierce advocate for equity in order to improve educational outcomes for all students and committed to public education.

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Region 6 Women's Leadership Network

Hosts FREE networking event March 22, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm Orinda School District Office. 8 Altarinda Road, Orinda

Featuring

Dr. Karina Gerger, Elementary Principal and Adjunct Professor "Using Digital Tools to Increase Productivity"

> Download the <u>flyer</u> for this networking event Register at <u>Eventbrite</u>

> > Refreshments provided Door prizes awarded



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