



March 1, 2026

## ACSA Region 6 Election for 2026-27

### Cast your vote March 1 - 8

Each ACSA member has 1 Vote

[Link to Ballot](#)

\*For 2026-27, Region 6 has only elected position open and we have 1 candidate for your approval.



**Dr. Dustin Gacherieu**  
Director, Human Resources  
Castro Valley Unified School  
District

### President-Elect

Like many of you, ACSA has played a vital role in my growth as an educational leader. I joined ACSA immediately upon becoming an administrator in 2012. Since then, I have had the honor of serving at the charter level as treasurer, president, and board member at large. At the regional level, I have contributed as a member of the Board of Directors and the administrator of the year award selection committee. Currently, I represent Region 6 on the ACSA State Human Resources Council and have served as an instructor in the ACSA Personnel Academy for the past five years. I have also shared insights by writing for ACSA Leadership magazine and presenting at the ACSA Leadership Summit and the Region 6 Assistant Principal and New Administrators Affinity Group.

My personal mission is to empower and uplift others. Being an educational leader has been my lifelong dream. I remember telling my first-grade teacher that I wanted to be a teacher. In high school, while serving as the student

board member, I set a goal of becoming a school leader. Now in my 22nd year with the Castro Valley Unified School District, I have held diverse roles, including elementary teacher, lead teacher, energy manager, adult education assistant principal, and elementary school principal. Currently, I serve as the Director of Human Resources. In every role, I strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those I serve.

Relationships are the foundation of effective leadership. As your Region 6 President-Elect, my goal is to ensure ACSA is the preeminent space for connection across Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Together, we can ensure ACSA is an organization where every administrator feels an undeniable sense of belonging. By fostering radical inclusivity and elevating diverse perspectives, we strengthen our collective voice. Together, let's continue to make ACSA a powerhouse for community, advocacy and professional growth. When every member knows they belong, we unlock the collective courage to innovate and the power to transform the lives of the students we serve. I am eager to champion this work alongside each of you. To that end, it would be an honor to serve you as ACSA Region 6 President-Elect.



## REMINDER!

### Region 6 Student Scholarships

Applications due March 13, 2026

#### **Bob Blackburn Student Scholarships**

For graduating seniors whose parent/guardian is an ACSA member

#### **Frank Wells Memorial Scholarship**

For African American student graduating from a Region 6 high school

Applications are due on March 13, 2026 and can be downloaded from

<https://regions.acsa.org/6/awardsscholarshipsgrants/scholarships/>



Did you or expect to receive a March 15 notice?

# What are your rights?

## Region 6 Has Scheduled

### A Virtual Presentation on Administrator's Rights

**Joe Jones**  
**Member Assistance Advocate**  
**ACSA Legal Support Team**

Thursday, March 12, 2026  
4:00 -5:00 pm  
on Zoom

[Sign up required](#) to receive Zoom link



#### [Contact Us](#)

We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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[Region 6 website](#)

#### **Region 6 Staff**

[Rose Lock](#), Executive Director  
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#### **Region 6 Leadership**

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