Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! It is my honor to serve as your ACSA Region XVII President this year. I firmly believe that participation in our professional organization is critical for all school administrators, and that together we can make a difference for the students and communities we serve.

I encourage you to become an active member of our Region. There are many opportunities available for you to become involved and ways to support ACSA’s Mission. If you are not yet an ACSA member, I invite you to join! Some of the benefits of membership include:

• $1 Million professional liability insurance
• Entertainment and travel discounts
• Scholarship opportunities for members and children of members
• Professional development and career advancement opportunities (Network Nights, ACSA/OCSBA Joint Dinners, Co-Administrators’ workshops, State and Region conferences, Women’s Leadership event, and others).
• Recognition of administrators and students (Administrator of the Year and Every Student Succeeding events).
• Opportunities for region and state leadership.

I am excited to serve as your Region President and look forward to a successful year. I thank each of you for your dedication and support of ACSA and wish you all the best for a productive school year.
One of Region 17’s primary goals is to continue to serve the diverse needs of its membership. In feedback sessions with Superintendents, current president, Bob Johnson, and past president, Larry Hausner, discussed the challenge of geography and traffic in attending ACSA events. It is often very difficult for members to participate in activities that are located in central Orange County if they are traveling from the North or South. So, this year the Region is scheduling two Network Nights, one in Laguna Hills and one, still to be planned, in North County, hoping to address that challenge and that members from Central Orange County could attend one or the other. The first Network Night is scheduled for October 29, 4:00 to 7:00 at BJ’s in Laguna Hills. Details will be sent prior to the event.

Wanted: a Classified Leader to Chair Region XVII’s “Classified Educational Leader Council.” Must be an ACSA member to apply. The purpose of this Council is “to represent classified educational leaders and build awareness of their value as members of the educational leadership team. To enhance professional growth of classified educational leaders, promote ACSA membership, and encourage participation within ACSA.” Email Jan Billings at jancomm@roadrunner.com if you are interested.

Richard Tauer, Superintendent of the Westminster School District, has just been appointed to the Region 17 Board of Directors. Mr. Tauer will provide a valuable perspective to Region discussions and decisions and will further strengthen the links between ACSA and Region Leaders. He has served as the Superintendent of the Westminster School District since July 1, 2010, and has 16 years of central office experience (14 years in the area of personnel). Prior to becoming a certificated employee, Mr. Tauer began his career as a classified employee (instructional aide). He has five years of teaching in the middle school and adult school levels, and has taught evening teacher and administrative credentialing classes for 15 years at local universities. His admin experience includes elementary school principal, as well as Director of State and Federal programs at the district level. He earned a certificate of graduation from ACSA’s Personnel Academy and completed two consecutive terms of office as Chairperson of the Personnel Commission for the city in which he resides. Mr. Tauer’s wife is a public school teacher, and he is proud that his three grown children are successful products of the public K-12 and university school system.

This year’s annual AASA/ACSA Women in School Leadership Forum, held on September 27 and 28 and hosted by Hyatt Newporter, had nearly 300 women in attendance. Region 17 was well-represented as participants from across the United States focused on leadership excellence, sharing skills and solutions, and strengthening professional networks.

This year three of Region 17’s administrators will be honored at ACSA’s annual Summit in San Diego: Dr. Stephanie Paggi, retired Deputy Superintendent, Tustin Unified, Robert E. Kelley Award; Adele Heuer, Principal of Beckman High School in Tustin Unified, for the Equity and Diversity Award; Dr. Rebecca Roberts, Assistant Principal, Villa Park, Orange Unified, for Co-Administrator Award. In addition, student Ruth Hernandez from Yorba Middle School in Orange Unified, will be honored as Region 17’s Every Student Succeeding winner.

ACSA/OCSSBA’s Joint Dinner and speaker event is October 24. This partnership, unique among the 19 regions of ACSA, has existed for over 3 decades. The featured speaker at this Fall dinner is Dr. Niklas Myhar, “one of America’s top social media savvy professors.” He has also worked with executive education programs held for large Scandinavian multinationals in Europe, the U.S., and China. His talk will cover:

- Social Media v. Traditional Media
- Using Social Media to Learn, Connect, Engage, and Create
- Social Media Trends and Predictions

The 5:00 workshop preceding the dinner, sponsored by the Co-Administrators’ Committee is entitled “B.Y.O.D.” (Bring Your Own Device). A panel of Orange County educators will explore the advantages, challenges, and best practices of asking students to voluntarily bring their own iPod, iPad, iPhone, or other device to class to facilitate instruction in the digital age. A flyer on both of these programs will be sent prior to the events. A panel of Orange County educators will explore this new program on some of our campuses which capitalizes on student use of their own social media in their classes. Panel members are: Dennis Cole, Principal Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School, SAUSD; Chris Miraglia, Teacher, Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School, SAUSD; Alex Ito, Director of Informational Services, SAUSD; Robert Sherlock, Principal, Serrano Intermediate School, SVUSD; Luke Pine, teacher, Serrano Intermediate School; Mike Morrison, Chief Technology Officer, SVUSD. A flyer on both of these programs will be sent prior to the events.
ACSA TALKING POINTS on PROPS 30 & 32

Proposition 30 is a balanced solution that will reduce the budget deficit and protect schools and students from deeper cuts. After several years of massive cuts, this initiative helps balance California’s state budget without raising income taxes on those hit hardest by the recession.

School funding has been cut by more than $20 billion in recent years. The risks to our students have never been greater and we strongly believe that school communities must rally behind a revenue solution that helps prevent more cuts and uncertainties.

If Prop. 30 fails in November - public education faces more than $5 billion in additional cuts next year. California schools already have the largest class sizes in the nation; art, music, vocational education, and after-school programs have been eliminated; school libraries are closed; home-to-school transportation services and critical academic programs are decimated.

Prop. 30 guarantees - new revenue for education will be spent on schools at the local level; requires transparency through a public audit when funds are allocated.

ACSA joins a broad coalition of support for this measure, including the governor, legislative leaders, businesses, education groups, labor unions, and community organizations.

All the revenue increases in Prop. 30 are strictly temporary, designed to restore education funding and bring California’s budget back into balance during these difficult times. It helps pay down the state’s wall of debt and restore budget cuts to schools. We strongly believe Prop. 30 is the right choice for our schools and students.

Proposition 32, the Special Exemptions Act, is not what it seems. Prop 32 undermines ACSA’s political voice and the voices of all educators in the state.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce the passing of longtime Member Assistance Advocate Brad Lantz. “His passing is very sad and an unexpected loss to ACSA,” said Interim Executive Director Karen Stapf Walters. Brad was a reserve police officer, music teacher, administrator, and an accomplished trombonist. He was the consummate mentor who served several regions and their administrators, advising them on their due process rights. State ACSA estimates that Brad mentored at least 1300 members during his ACSA service. Brad attended nearly all Region 17 events, including monthly Board meetings, adding his thoughtful comments to the discussion. Region 17 administrators respected, admired, and loved Brad for his dedication to children and his service to ACSA. He was part of the Region family and we will miss him tremendously.

Donations in honor of Brad may be made online at tpsf.net/MemorialGifts.htm or be sent to: Tustin Public Schools Foundation, 150 El Camino Real, #140, Tustin, CA 92780 Designate: Brad Lantz “Music in Education” Memorial Fund.
**CO-ADMINISTRATORS’ WEBINARS**

On Sept. 19, from 4:30 to 6:00, ACSA Co-Administrators across the state sponsored a Webinar entitled “Common Core Standards: Elementary vs. Secondary Differences,” presented by George Manthey, Lisa Ogan, Assistant Principal in Placentia/Yorba Linda USD, Region 17 Co-Administrators’ Committee Chair, coordinated the effort in the region. Fourteen members of the region “tuned in” to this professional development opportunity. Darcy Brockman, Administrative Assistant of Region 17, will continue to send out flyers on these kinds of sessions as they come up. Participants have said that they are easy and convenient since they can be accessed from any computer and phone. If you were one of those participants, please send your feedback to: Jan Billings at jancomm@roadrunner.com.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Congratulations and welcome to our new members:

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- Heather Jenkins, Asst. Principal, Tustin Unified - recruited by Christine Matos
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**PROPS**

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advocating for schools and students.

It prohibits ACSA members and other educators from voluntarily contributing to political campaigns, even with written permission, while billionaires could continue to contribute unlimited amounts of money to secretive Super PACs.

Prop. 32 would create special exemptions for corporate special interests and billionaires, giving them even more political power to write their own set of rules, while cutting educators out of the political process.

Prop. 32 unfairly singles out educational leaders, teachers, nurses, and firefighters and limits their voices. But it does nothing to stop anonymous donors from influencing elections.

Prop 32 will not take money out of politics – it will make our political system even worse.

**2012-2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October**
17th  7:00 AM, Leadership Forum, Marriott Hotel, Irvine
19th  11:30 AM, OC Superintendents Meeting, OCDE Conference Center
24th  5:00 PM, ACSA/OCSBA Joint Dinner, Marriott Hotel, Irvine
29th  4-7:00 PM, Network Night, BJ’s in Laguna Hills

**November**
7th  9:00 AM, Retirement Committee Meeting, Mimi’s Cafe, Tustin
7-10th Annual Fall Conference/Leadership Summit, Sacramento
14th  7:00 AM, Board of Directors Meeting, SchoolFirst FCU, Tustin
16th  11:30 AM, OC Superintendents Meeting, OCDE, Conference Center
28th  Women’s Leadership Event, Bower’s Museum

**December**
5th  9:00 AM, Retirement Committee Meeting, Mimi’s Cafe, Tustin
5th  ACSA Co-Administrators’ Webinar Series

**January**
2nd  Retirement Committee Meeting
11th  OC Superintendents’ Meeting
16th  Nomination Deadline for Admin of the Year & Friends of Education Awards
16th  Board of Directors Meeting
23rd  Articles Due for Winter Newsletter
25th  Nomination Deadline for Every Student Succeeding

**Got News?**

Articles from region members and charters are welcomed for publication in the newsletter. Please send all articles to Jody Black at jmblack@tustin.k12.ca.us

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