



Advance

Region 6 Association
of California School
Administrators

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REGION VI LEADERSHIP

Charter Presidents for the 2015-16

Our region is only as good as these Charter Presidents. "Leadership Matters"

Alameda – Kristen Zazo, Encinal High School

Alameda COE – Unique Holland, Alameda County Office of Ed.

Amador Valley – Brett Nelson (temp), Principal Dublin USD

Castro Valley – Greg Ko, Principal, Castro Valley USD

Delta – Jeff Varner, Principal, Pittsburg USD

Diablo Valley – Tom Scruggs, Director, Contra Costa Office of Ed.

Diablo Managers – Lisa Murphy Oates, Principal, Mt.Diablo USD

Fremont – Greg Bailey, Director, Fremont USD

Hayward- Lisa Tess, Principal, Hayward USD

Livermore – Dayna Taylor, VP, Livermore USD

New Haven – John Mattos, Director, New Haven USD

Newark – None at this time

North Alameda –, Cheryl Wozniack, Director, Piedmont

Oakland – Vacant

San Leandro – Linda Hornada, Principal, SanLeandro USD

San Lorenzo – Pam Vandekamp, Principal, San Lorenzo USD

West Contra Costa – Sonja Neely Johnson, Director, WCCSD

Retired Charter – Linda Hutcherson, Retired Admin.

Student Charter – Peg Winkelman, Professor, Cal State U

It is my pleasure to serve the administrators of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties again this year. As you know, I am here to assist you in any way that I can so that you can do the important jobs of educating, assisting, and supporting our students.

My email address is bobgiannini@comcast.net and my phone # is 925-216-9430.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR REGION VI EXECUTIVE

By: Bob Gianini

Don't forget to access our Region VI web site for the scholarships and awards that we offer each year. Go to: acsaregion6.org. The applications for these awards are found at our web site. This year we are offering 7 Mini Grants and 10 Student Scholarships. These are for graduating seniors and graduate students.

Every Student Succeeding – Due March 18th(\$1000 per winner \$250 for others)

Mini Grants – Due February 19th (7 \$1000 mini grants)

ACSA members student scholarships – Due March 18th (10 \$1000 scholarships)

REGION CHAIRS AND ACSA COUNCILS

Every year we have some very diligent members of our Region that chair or are on State ACSA councils. These councils are important to State ACSA and our Region members because they work on the needed improvements, creative ideas, and legislation that ultimately make what we do for kids better. I want to take this time to thank each of these dedicated administrators. This is your chance to ask job alike questions to these region experts.

Adult Education- Guy Zakrevsky-Director/Hayward USD

Business Services – Beverly Heironimus –Assistant Superintendent/Dublin

Co- Administrators – Kara Holthe – Vice Principal/Fallon (k-8) Dublin

Curriculum and Instruction – Nia Rashidchi – Assistant Superintendent/WCC

Classified Ed Leaders – Annette Heldman-Director/San LorenzoUSD

Diversity and Equality Opportunities – Tess Johnson-Director/Dublin USD

Elementary Education – Vacant

Educational Options- Darrel Avilla-Principal/Livermore USD

Human Resources – CJ Cammack/Assistant Superintendent/Martinez USD

Legislative Policy – Debra Lee Harrington-Principal/Antioch

Middle Grades – Ean Ainsworth-Principal/Dublin USD

Student Services/Special Ed – Felicia Stuckey Smith-Director/Mt, Diablo USD

Retirement Co- Luann Duggan/Retired

Career and Technical – Janet Haun/ Contra Costa Office of Ed.

Secondary Education – Jeff Brauning-Principal/John Swett USD

Superintendency – Parvin Ahmadi-Superintendent/Castro Valley USD

Small School Districts- Molleen Barnes-Superintendent/ Sunol SD

ACSA/CAPEA(College/ACSA)-Audrey Lee-Director/Martinez USD

Have a great New Year



REGION VI EXECUTIVE MEMBER SUPPORT

In what ways can we help you as a member of our Region VI ACSA professional organization?

These are the ways your Region VI Executive Bob Giannini can help you:

- Questions about the yearly Region 6 calendar
- How to get involved in Region 6 leadership and activities
- Information about mini-grants, scholarships, and every student succeeding grants.
- Questions about yearly elections and nominations process
- Questions about awards night and annual Region VI conference
- Questions and help with job related issues and whom to seek for help
- Questions and ideas about web-site
- Questions about Region Diversity issues and strategies
- Questions related to financial matters or Region charters
- I am available to help you with questions, issues, information, or concerns from Region 6 members
- Questions about retirement issues and the retirement charter

Rose Lock , Consultant, is our expert on Charter support and involvement within Region VI. She is also available to get you connected within our region for a successful experience as an administrator.

We are both here to help and support you whenever needed.

Take an active role in our region or your ACSA charter and it will pay off for you in many ways.

Call me: 925-216-9430 or Email me: bobgiannini@comcast.net



ACSA State Awards Program-Let's Get Recognized!

By: Cindy Matteoni

Charter Awards Nominations are available to download from the ACSA website at <http://regions.acsa.org/6/awardsscholarshipsgrants/regional-state-awards/>. These awards include Administrator Awards in 21 job alike categories, Fred Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award, Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence, Robert E. Kelly Award, and the Valuing Diversity Award. We are also accepting nominations for the Partners in Educational Excellence Award. Please pass on the word to nominate fellow colleagues. Nominations are due to Cindy Matteoni at matteonic@mdusd.org no later than December 4th. Please also contact Cindy if you have any questions. We all have deserving colleagues for this recognition! Let's get recognized for the great work that is being done!

REGION VI BUDGET 2015-2016 UPDATES

By: Hellena Postrk

We would like to get out the word to our members of increased funding we have incorporated into the 2015-16 Region VI budget. Due to the increased amount from State ACSA member rebates and our goal to reduce our region's reserves, we have targeted budget items that provide more support to our members. The major changes are as follows:

- Increased funding to encourage charter presidents to attend State ACSA Conference
- Increased funding to Diversity, Equal Education Opportunity Committee
- Increased funding to Charters to provide Professional Development
- Increased funding to New Charter Development to encourage membership
- Increased funding to individual members to participate in ACSA Academies
- Increased funding for Region VI Mentor Program
- Increased funding to individual members to participate in Leg Action Day in the Spring
- Increased funding to Alameda and Contra Costa County Offices of Ed to provide region-wide Professional Development for all members
- Increased funding for Scholarships awarded to children of members for undergraduate, graduate and/or credential programs

We are encouraging all members to take advantage of these funds and opportunities to further your own professional expertise. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janet Haun (president), Bob Giannini (executive), or myself.

Thank you

What' Happening In Your Charter?

Help encourage our colleagues by sending in stories and pictures about your successes and/or events in your school, district, or charter. We'd love to hear from you! Please email your information to Kandi Gravenmier, Newsletter Editor, at kandig@att.net.



ONE VOICE FOR STUDENTS

By: Essence Phillips

Today I am using my voice for ACSA's "One Voice for Students". This initiative is a multi-year endeavor that hopes to ensure that school leaders will speak with a common voice on educational policy around: Student Outcomes, Human Resources and School Funding.

The Association for California School Administrators (ACSA) is a renowned effective and influential advocate for California's public education system and the more than 6 million students it serves. As a current administrator myself from Antioch, California where we serve just under 18,000 students; I for one would like to see our students get the best education possible that prepares them for success in college, career and life! We need supporters to rally around Susan Bonilla's Assembly Bill (AB) 631 which works to establish the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards Act which will allocate \$1 billion for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

These funds would be in addition to the Governor's proposal of \$1.1 billion that offsets outstanding mandated reimbursement and entirely dedicated to student achievement at our local level. In my district we still have great needs to ensure successful CCSS/NGSS implementation including: Curriculum adoption, teacher staff development and training and technology enhancement that better prepares our students for Smarter Balanced assessments and performance tasks in this content area.

As a current Human Resources administrator myself from Antioch, California where we serve just under 998 educators ; I for one would like to see our teachers get the best staff development possible that will ensure they are effective, with effective principals there to assist our teachers and our students in being prepared for success in college, career and life!

ACSA believes that the teacher and administrator evaluations should be based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) and the California Professional Standards for Education Leaders (CAPSEL). Reforms to the teacher and administrator evaluation systems must include funding for capacity and support.

The 2013 Budget Act included \$1.25 billion in one time funds or \$201 per pupil. These dollars were spread over three implementation areas: professional development, instructional materials and technology. All three areas could not be adequately covered, and further investment is needed in order to bridge the instructional gap, as well as support the costs of the new Smarter Balanced testing system and the mandated technology required. Newly released results from all California school districts support that the need is critical.

For additional information about the One Voice for Students efforts you can contact Sherry Skelly Griffith or any member of the ACSA Governmental Relations team by calling at 916-444-3216 or emailing her at sgriffith@acsa.org.



2015-16 Region VI Academies At-A-Glance

For your convenience, the following information may be readily downloaded at www.acsa.org/academies <http://regions.acsa.org/6/professional-learning/>

Classified Educational Leaders

The ACSA Classified Education Leaders Academy addresses building the capacity of classified educational leaders, at all levels and areas of responsibility, through a consistent academy focus on leadership and communication. Presentations and discussion sessions are led by experienced practitioners who incorporate practical examples of effective leadership and management techniques. The academy focuses on building the practical skills and understanding of organizational principles required for today's classified educational leaders within the new context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). http://regions.acsa.org/6/files/2015/08/Classified_Ed_Leaders_Academy.pdf

Personnel Administrators

ACSA's seven-week academy for personnel administrators offers thorough training for new or aspiring personnel managers, human resources directors and personnel staff. The comprehensive curriculum also gives superintendents and other top-level district administrators an excellent legal and operational foundation for managing employees. Presentations and discussion sessions are presented by experienced personnel administrators from throughout California. Participants develop the fundamental skills required for effective school personnel management and discover the resources needed to succeed on the job within the new context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). http://regions.acsa.org/6/files/2015/08/Personnel_Acad_Reg_Form.pdf

Principals

This intensive seven-weekend academy for new or aspiring principals has been completely redesigned to meet the challenges of the new millennium. The focus is on developing and refining applied leadership and management skills required of principals at the elementary, middle grades and high school levels within the new context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). http://regions.acsa.org/6/files/2015/08/Principals_Acad_Reg_Form.pdf

Pupil Services

The Pupil Services Academy addresses what you need to know to be a successful pupil services administrator at all levels and areas of responsibility, through a consistent academy focus on leadership, communication, prevention and intervention. The academy integrates the principles of organization and cultural environment, dynamics of strategic issues management, ethical and reflective leadership, analysis and development of public policy, and management of information systems and human and fiscal resources within the new context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). http://regions.acsa.org/6/files/2015/08/Pupil_Services_Acad_Reg_Form.pdf