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ACSA is YOUR Professional Organization

ACSA's Mission Statement

The Association of California School Administrators is the driving force for an equitable, world-class education system, and the development and support of inspired educational leaders who meet the diverse needs of all California students.

Now more than ever, we depend on our organization to provide us with the most timely and accurate information and resources. We count on ACSA to be at the table to represent the interests of our over 6 million public school students.

Our ACSA leadership does not disappoint us during this time of unimaginable chaos and challenges. Executive Director Wes Smith and his amazing staff are there to represent our voice with state leaders and policy makers. They have been relentless in their advocacy for needs of our schools and their hard work is reflected most recently in the just released *May Revise* of the state budget.

Many of our district superintendents and leaders have taken on this call to action with great passion by engaging in conversations of various task forces and committees. They are speaking out and leading the conversation as the state calls to reopen schools in the fall. ACSA has never been a reactive organization, we continue to be leaders and influencers driven by our mission and passion.

ACSA Resources on ACSA.org

ACSA Website

Have you visited [ACSA.org](https://www.acsa.org) recently? It should be the first place you go to as a leader when you are seeking information and resources. This is what you will find on the homepage currently:

- **Coronavirus Resources for Schools:** A growing library of updates, materials, guides, and tools
- **Advocacy:** Standing together for California students
- **ACSA Grad Week 2020:** Celebrating the class of 2020

Also on the homepage:

- Supporting a Strong, Stable Principal Workforce
- ACSA Takeaways and Analysis on the 2020 May Revision
- Tips for Teaching Online
- What is Transformational Leadership?

Resource Hub

If you haven't discovered the treasures on the [ACSA Resource Hub](#), find some time to explore what's there. It is full of the latest content for *COVID-19 Resources*, *Priority Issues*, *Career Development*, *Charter Schools*, *Equity and Inclusion*, *Leadership*, etc. Check it out!

ACSA launching reopening schools Call to Action

(Reprinted from May 15, 2020 Message from Executive Director Wes Smith)

As California public school discussions have moved from school closures to reopening schools next year, ACSA has been working diligently to ensure the decisions of policymakers are influenced by our members.

Today, ACSA is launching its reopening schools Call to Action. We believe schools should not open to students, teachers and staff until they are safe. Thus, we are advocating for the supports, protections and resources you will need to safely reopen schools, including but not limited to statewide public health and safety standards, a clear set of learning expectations, the flexibility to drive innovation and necessary funding.

Our Call to Action will be followed by our Essential Commitments and Scenario Planning. They will articulate commitments all stakeholders will need to make to ensure high-quality learning for all students and scenarios for reopening schools safely, as well as the necessary considerations and resources for each scenario respectively.

[Click here](#) to review our Call to Action.

California May Budget Revision Education Analysis

ACSA Senior Communications Director Naj Alikhan and Senior Governmental Relations Director Edgar Zazueta have a complete analysis of the budget and what it means for educators around the state. Watch their analysis on Youtube within hours of the release of the May Budget by Governor Newsom. [Click here](#) to watch this episode.

These communications go out to members regularly from ACSA. Check your spam folder if you have not seen them or contact ACSA if you are not receiving them.

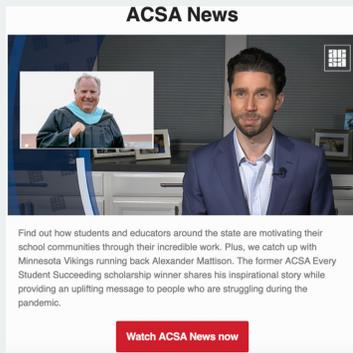


Weekly Live on Facebook

ACSA Executive Director Wes Smith hosts **Common Purpose, Uncommon Times on Facebook Live** on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., providing viewers with information from the state Capitol and how it impacts you, answering your questions and helping you focus on being the student advocate that your community needs right now.

This past Monday, ACSA Superintendency Council President Katie McNamara talked about the school reopening Call to Action and ACSA Senior Director of Policy and Governmental Relations Edgar Zazueta provided an in-depth May Revise analysis.

Send in your questions to [Naj Alikhan](#), and watch for the next broadcast at www.facebook.com/acsafans.



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We all need some good news these days. There are so many remarkable and inspiring things happening in our schools and districts with our students, teachers, staff, and administrators. Please share them and bring some joy and pride to our ACSA community.

ACSA News is back with all of the positive and uplifting stories in California public education. If you have such a story you want to share, please email to goodnews@acsa.org.

UPDATE on Region 6 Leadership Summit: Thriving on the Vine is now Thriving off the Vine!

**Thriving off the Vine:
Envisioning Bold and Courageous Leadership
2020 Virtual Summit Series**

Incorporating Digital Wellness Strategies for the changing education landscape with Jamie Nunez

June 23, 2020
10:00 am to 11:30 pm

For information and to register visit:
[Acса-region6-digitalwellness.eventbrite.com](https://acsa-region6-digitalwellness.eventbrite.com)
Thanks to our generous sponsors, there is no cost for this workshop

Jamie Nunez is the Bay Area Regional Manager at Common Sense and supports school districts in their efforts to implement digital wellness initiatives. For over 15 years, Jamie has redefined education practices by designing creative learning networks for educators. As a former high school teacher, school administrator, and after school director, Jamie has facilitated hundreds of professional development workshops on student engagement in digital spaces. When not working, Jamie can be found in public places teaching his 5-year-old daughter how to give compliments to strangers.



Incorporating Digital Wellness Strategies for the Changing Education Landscape

In the last issue, we announced that our annual Leadership Summit and Awards Dinner scheduled for June 11 had to be cancelled. The professional learning portion has been restructured to virtual learning. The Awards Dinner to honor our Region 6 Administrators of the Year has been rescheduled to October 22.

The Leadership Summit Conference has pivoted to a virtual learning format with *Thriving off the Vine* online workshops set up for the next few months. The first one is a most relevant one scheduled for June 23, 2020 with Jamie Nunez on **Incorporating Digital Wellness Strategies for the Changing Education Landscape**.

This is a **FREE** event. Register now below. [Click here](#) for flyer which includes a list of our Region 6 partners.

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Tickets

Look for more virtual offerings in the next Region 6 *Advance Newsletter* published the week of June 1.

Retiring?

Congratulations to all our school leaders retiring at the end of the school year! Thank you for your service and contribution to a career where you made a difference. Please contact ACSA at memberservices@acsa.org to continue your membership in retiree status. **This is not automatically done and ACSA does not have access to information of impending retirements.**

Region 6 has a vibrant Retiree Charter with over 200 members. As a retiree member, you can access various ACSA benefits in your retirement.



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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela
