

R6 is off and running! Don't miss out on all the opportunities for professional growth - learning, networking, resources, and more. ACSA is here for YOU! Read through this newsletter and you might discover links to some awesome prizes!



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REGION 6

Advance Newsletter

August 2026

President's Message



Invited and United to Lead

Dear Region 6 Colleagues,



Welcome back! There is something so exciting about the first day of school. When I was a site administrator, I used to say "First Day, Best Day" as a way of capturing that special energy and feeling that comes with welcoming our students back to our campuses. Whether you serve at a site or at the district or county levels, this first day of school phenomenon is something very special to our field of education. Each fall, we are incredibly fortunate to start fresh, fostering a sense of anticipation and a warm welcome as students embark on another year of learning and growth.

In that same spirit, we welcome you back to a new year of collaboration as members of ACSA Region 6. A special thanks to our Board of Directors, who gathered on August 8 to launch our own 'First Day, Best Day' as region leaders. Our time together was anchored in vision-setting and inspired by insights from ACSA state leaders Dr. Edgar Zazueta and Dr. Roxane Fuentes. We balanced our goal setting with some 'secret spy' fun in the afternoon, carrying that energy into a wine-tasting social and a lively game of 'Hitster' to cap off a wonderful day.

I am honored and humbled to serve alongside this incredible group of Region leaders, each of whom brings a unique perspective, unique experiences, and a common passion for leadership that is centered on student success. Our theme for the year, "*Invited and United to Lead*" reminds us of this common purpose

and passion, and of the need to continue to extend the invitation to the leaders of our Region. While the first day may feel like the best day, it is really just the launch pad for a year of incredible possibilities! I hope this year will be filled with many wonderful first days of engaging with our charter, region, and state leadership opportunities!

In collaboration,

[Christina Filios Yiannakopoulos](#)

Region 6 President

Region 6 Women's Leadership Network

ACSA REGION 6
Women's Leadership Network

In partnership with
LEAD BY LEARNING
Understand learning. Improve teaching. Build leadership.

LEADING FORWARD: Courage, Connection, and Collective Impact

Join women leaders from across ACSA Region 6 for a morning of authentic conversation, reflection, and connection.

Together, we will explore real leadership dilemmas, share strategies, and build relationships that strengthen our leadership and our communities.

REAL CONVERSATIONS. MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS. Stronger Together.

A MORNING OF CONNECTION AND GROWTH

- NETWORK & CONNECT**
Build meaningful relationships with women leaders across Region 6.
- LEADERSHIP PANEL**
Hear from inspiring women leaders representing a variety of roles and districts across the region.
- LEADERSHIP DILEMMA CIRCLES**
Collaborate in small groups to explore real-world challenges and collective solutions.
- COURAGE LAB REFLECTION**
Engage in guided reflection and practical tools to lead with courage and clarity.
- LEAVE INSPIRED TO LEAD**
Walk away with new insights, renewed energy, and a stronger network.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
5000 MacArthur Blvd
Oakland, CA 94613

A LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED.

You belong here.
REGISTRATION IS FREE
Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

REGISTER TODAY!
Link to registration form will be shared via ACSA Region 6 communications.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the ACSA Region 6 Women's Leadership Network

Together we lead. Together we grow. Together we inspire.
ACSA REGION 6 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK
Stronger leaders. Stronger schools. Stronger communities.

Leading Forward: Courage, Connection, and Collective Impact

Hosted by Region 6 in partnership with Lead by Learning

Saturday, September 19, 2026

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Northeastern University

5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94613

A light breakfast will be provided

REGISTRATION IS FREE, Space is limited [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Questions? Contact [Paulette Smith](#), Region 6 Vice President of Programs

[Download flyer here](#)

Region 6 Leadership Retreat



Your Region 6 Board of Directors convened on Saturday, August 8, for its annual leadership retreat. President Christina Filios set an inclusive and inspiring tone for the day and the year. We were honored to be joined by Dr. Edgar Zazueta, ACSA Executive Director; Dr. Roxane Fuentes, ACSA President-Elect; and Dr. Daryl Camp, ACSA Past President.

The morning was spent in reflecting on our region's work in 25-26. The insightful conversations guided the development of the 2026-27 goals and actions aligned to ACSA's Strategic Plan. We also recognized the top 5 most engaged charters for 25-26 who each received a \$500 award in addition to being listed on the R6 perpetual plaque! Congratulations to these charters: Alameda County, Castro Valley, Delta, Diablo Valley, and RASA (West Contra Costa).

In the afternoon, nearly 50 board members participated in a fun team-building activity called the Secret Agent Game. The group was divided into 6 teams where they collaborated to tackle a variety of missions. We wrapped the day with an informal networking social in a beautiful Livermore winery!



Dr. Zazueta, Dr. Camp, Dr. Fuentes and Dr. Zamora (R6 Board Rep)



Presidents of the Most Engaged R6 Charters with Past President Lorianne Ventura



First place team Top Secret R6



Team Edu Agents



Team Slay!



Team RoseLock



Team Anonymous Slow Loris



Team Top Secret R6



Team Sakata's Cartel



Welcome New Region 6 Superintendents

We welcome the following new superintendents to Region 6:

- Dr. Matt Campbell (Dublin USD)
- Dr. Tony Limoges (Livermore Valley JUSD)
- Janelle Eyet (Martinez USD)
- Dr. William Iger (Newark USD)
- Sonjhia Lowery (Pittsburg USD)
- Jon Campopiano (Walnut Creek SD)



Membership Networking Socials

Region 6 Membership Event

Join us for this back to school social event hosted by Region 6!

Let's celebrate the opening of a new school year. Meet up with ACSA colleagues and enjoy each other's company. INVITE a friend or colleague, ACSA member or not-yet member.

FREE event: Appetizers and 1 beverage ticket provided. Raffle prizes, extra ticket if you bring someone who is not yet an ACSA member!.

[Download flyer](#)



Region 6 AAPI Network - Year 2



The Region 6 AAPI Administrators Network was launched last fall to create an affinity space to network and learn together. An invitation was sent to Region 6 self-identified AAPI ACSA members. The Steering Committee surveyed those members who joined the network and planned 5 meetings based on their interest in networking, socializing, and learning. Two of the meetings were virtual featuring speakers who shared their leadership journey and provided tips to members in advancing their professional career. We also had three social gatherings at local Asian restaurants where we enjoyed dim sum, hot pot and pho/Vietnamese dinners.

In year 2, we are expanding this network to include new ACSA AAPI leaders and allies. Our Region 6 theme this year is *"Invited and United to Lead"*. Extend an invitation to someone who might be interested in being part of this community. Complete the [Google Form at this link](#).

For [2026-27 Schedule](#)

- September 9, Tanoshi Japanese Bistro ([flyer](#))
- October 22, Virtual, Speaker Chien Wu-Hernandez, Superintendent Hayward USD
- January 30, location TBD
- March 23, virtual
- June 5, location TBD

Any questions? Contact any member of the steering committee: Hong Nguyen (SRVUSD), Tri Nguyen (Alameda USD), Mimi Quan (CCCOE), Susan Shih (Castro Valley USD), Margrette Wui (SRVUSD) and Rose Lock (Region 6 Executive Director).



Great food, great conversations, great connections at our final event of the year



CAAPLE Executive Director, Dr. Diann Kitamura and CAAPLE Board Member Parvin Ahmadi with Susan Shih and Hong Nguyen



R6 Annual Conference - June 2026



Region 6 Annual Conference

On June 11, ACSA Region 6 held its Annual Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Pleasanton. Nearly 200 attended this high quality event. The theme for the conference echoed President Dr. Lorianne Ventura's theme for the 2025-2026 year, *Empowered to Lead, Inspired by Heart, United for Impact*.

The highlights according to attendees were the Keynote Session with Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the Equity Panel moderated by Tracie Tagamolila-Noriega featuring Rebecca Cheung (UC Berkeley), Nicole Anderson (Nicole Anderson and Associates Consulting), Janet Schulze (Pittsburg USD), and Daryl Camp (San Lorenzo USD).

With a focus on first rate practices taking place in our own region, many colleagues led the day's breakout sessions to share information about a range of topics from Special Education to Chronic Absenteeism. Shout out to Dr. Hong Nguyen, Director of Student Services and Educational Equity in San Ramon Valley USD and ACSA Region 6 Vice President Staff Development and her team for the year long process of organizing this event.

Join us for our 2027 Annual Conference in June! We invite you to share your knowledge and successful experiences with leaders in our region. Look out for the call for proposals.



ACSA Professional Learning

Another tremendous benefit of being an ACSA member is your access to some of the most valuable professional growth opportunities. If you haven't checked out the ACSA website lately, invest some time in yourself and explore [acsa.org](https://www.acsa.org). Here are 3 of those opportunities.

If you haven't listened to or watched the Critically Conscious Classroom Series, you are missing out! (see below) In the August 17 episode, two of our R6 site administrators plus a third administrator engaged in reflective and meaningful conversations with ACSA's Tracie Noriega and Anthony Robinson. Monique Walton is the Principal of Mt. Eden High School in Hayward USD. She also serves on the Region 6 Leadership Team as our Equity Chair and a Charter President. Marvin Reed is an Elementary Vice Principal in the Dublin USD. We are so proud of our ACSA Region 6 leaders for sharing their insights. You will be inspired by this conversation.

The Annual ACSA Leadership Summit will be here in less than 3 months. Don't miss out the early registration rate ending on August 31.

We all recognize the value of ACSA academies. Don't miss out on this year's offerings. There are still openings in some of them.



The Critically Conscious Classroom

Critically Conscious Classroom

The Critically Conscious Classroom is a thought-provoking series that unpacks power, privilege, and resistance through deep reflection, critical analysis, and bold storytelling. Each episode features educators, activists, and changemakers who challenge the status quo, break down systemic inequities, and explore transformative paths toward justice. Change isn't passive—join the shift and be part of the revolution.

On Episode 17 of the Critically Conscious Classroom, Dr. Tracie Noriega and Anthony Robinson welcome Dr. Monique Walton, Dr. Marvin Reed and Dr. Myeshia Whignam for a conversation about what it means to lead schools with joy, trust and humanity. The three school leaders explore how joy and healing can shape the student experience (16:31), and how their identities and lived experiences influence the way they lead (44:27). The conversation closes with what school site leaders need from district leadership and what continues to give them hope in education.

You can view or listen to this episode using the following links:

[YouTube](#)

[Spotify](#)

[Apple](#)



ACSA Leadership Summit 2026

November 4–7

Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center
Chula Vista, CA

We're excited to share that ACSA's 2026 Leadership Summit is open for registration, and we'd love to see a strong showing from our region.

As ACSA's signature event, Leadership Summit brings together school leaders from across California for focused learning, meaningful connection, and practical strategies you can apply immediately.

Whether you're looking to strengthen your leadership, connect with peers, or bring new ideas back to your district, this is an opportunity to step away from day-to-day demands and invest in your growth.

Early bird pricing is available through August 31: \$800 for ACSA members and \$1,100 for non-members. There is also a team voucher option at \$750 per person (minimum of 5), making it a great opportunity to attend alongside colleagues and build shared momentum.

We hope to see Region 6 well represented this year.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/LeaderSummit26>



ACSA Academies are the fast track to leadership growth and career advancement for California school administrators, confidential employees, and classified managers. Through intensive, job-specific programs, participants build practical leadership and management skills while preparing for advanced roles across school and district leadership.

ACSA Academies start in mid-September through mid-October. Hurry — registration is limited to the first 30 registrants! Start browsing academy cohorts now at aca.org/academies.

Register today at: <https://bit.ly/ACSA2026Academies>

Region 6 PD Scholarship available

NOTE: Region 6 offers reimbursement scholarships each year to support our members' enrollment. Check [our website](#) about this scholarship. DEADLINE to apply is November 1.

Congratulations to the following Region 6 members who completed an academy in 2025-26!

Kyle Anderson
Amreet Chahal
Rania El-Sioufi
Alex Fernandez

Freda Rossi
Bridget Spires
Melissa Wilson
Stacey Bamford-Bolyard

Anna Foster
Karllynn Gaare
Nisha Gilbert
Marcus Lam
Anna Miles
Trudy Paker
Alyssa Pluth
Denise Steen
Renee Lama
Robert Fang
Kevin Baker
Valerie Nebo

Erika Brown
Erica Curiel
Ashley Hayes
Jennifer Mark
Rachel Foster
Alexis Meron
Nicole Sandoval
Adam White
Heather Yurkovich
Julene MacKinnon
Sonal Patel
Zarina Zanipatin



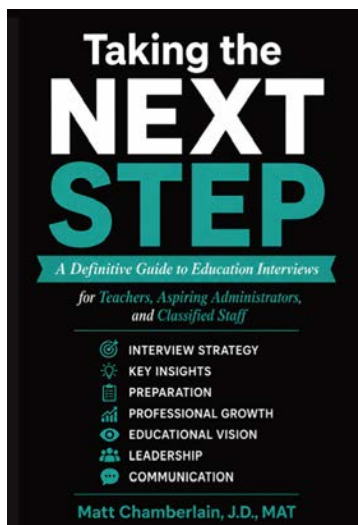
ACSA Member Authors and Podcaster

We have some leaders in Region 6 who are not only exceptional communicators but also generous. Through their books or podcasts, they are sharing their knowledge, vision, hopes and dreams with a bigger audience. Matt Chamberlain is our former Region 6 President who loves to write and support other leaders.

Cheryl Wozniak is a fairly recent retiree who wrote a children's book based on her experiences as an educator and the inspiration from her own grandchildren.

Our most recent retiree, Linda Anderson, has produced over 50 episodes of her podcast in less than one year into her retirement!

Congratulations and gratitude to these ACSA members who are such inspirations!



Taking the NEXT STEP

By Matt Chamberlain

Are you—or someone you know—ready to take the next step in your education career? Taking the NEXT STEP is the interview and career advancement guide every educator should have before applying.

Inside, you'll discover:

- Insider perspectives on what hiring teams are really looking for
- Proven interview strategies and practice questions
- Preparation tools and real-world examples to help you stand out
- Practical advice to help you interview with confidence and land the job you deserve

I wrote this book because it's the resource I wish I had when I first began pursuing leadership opportunities. If you're serious about advancing your career—or know someone who is—don't start the application/interview process without this guide. Your next opportunity could be one interview away. Make sure you're ready

Former Region 6 President Matt Chamberlain loves to write. He has published many articles including some in ACSA's EdCal. He just released his first book focused on supporting leaders in advancing their careers.



Dr. Cheryl L. Wozniak, a retired ACSA Region 6 administrator and longtime Bay Area educator, is the author of the new children's picture book *I Am Enough Just As I Am*.

I Am Enough Just As I Am

By Cheryl Wozniak

Drawing on more than 35 years as a teacher, principal, district leader, leadership coach, and educational consultant, I wrote the book to help children understand that their worth does not depend on their appearance, abilities, achievements, or acceptance by others. The story follows a young girl who experiences teasing, exclusion, and academic struggles and learns, with the loving guidance of her grandmother, to use her breath, her inner voice, and the affirmation "I am enough—just as I am" to reconnect with her inherent worth.

I am also sharing my book through interactive school author visits, classroom read-alouds, family literacy events, and conversations with educators about cultivating belonging and emotional well-being.

More information about the book and my work is available through Mandala Rising. Visit www.mandala-rising.com or contact me at cherylwozniak@mandala-rising.com



Linda Anderson retired as an elementary principal from Fremont USD in 2025 after 3 decades in education. In this short time, she has created the podcast *Moving Forward: Conversations on Culture, Identity, Healing, and Hope*. with 50 episodes already dropped. She is also publishing a weekly Substack series.

Moving Forward: Conversations on Culture, Identity, Healing and Hope

By Linda Anderson

Retirement has opened the door to a new chapter of purpose through storytelling. My podcast, *Moving Forward: Conversations on Culture, Identity, Healing, and Hope*, continues to feature meaningful conversations with leaders who are making a difference in education, business, healthcare, philanthropy, and public service.

Recent guests include Tracie Noriega, Anthony Robinson, Dr. Kim Wallace, Karen Sakata, Cynthia Rapaido, Diann Kitamura, Tovi Scruggs-Hussein, Cheryl Wozniak, and retired four-star General Gustave Perna, who led one of our nation's highest-level responses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each guest shares personal stories of leadership, resilience, and service, offering insights that encourage listeners both professionally and personally.

In addition to the podcast, I publish *Open Doors*, a weekly Substack series featuring reflections on leadership, purpose, identity, healing, and the opportunities that continue to emerge through life's transitions. Together, the podcast and *Open*

Doors encourage readers and listeners to continue learning, growing, and finding new ways to make a positive impact in their schools, communities, and beyond.

I remain grateful to the ACSA Region 6 community for the relationships, mentorship, and friendships that have shaped my career and continue to inspire this work. While we may retire from a position, we never retire from our purpose.



Region 6 Charter Presidents Committee and Council Reps

A big shout-out to the following ACSA leaders who stepped up to serve as presidents of the 19 charters in Region 6.

Kirstin Snyder - Alameda
Scott Figgins - ACOE
Erika Brown - Amador Valley
Gina Crotti - Castro Valley
Crystal Castaneda - Delta
Anabel Hurlburt - Diablo Valley
Jenny Vargas - DMA
Elie Wasser - Fremont
Monique Walton - Hayward
Jeremy Vilkins - Livermore
Ramon Camacho - New Haven
Kibby Kleiman - North Alameda
Kristi Palomino - Newark
Roma Groves-Waters - Oakland
Paulette Smith - San Leandro
Kathy LaCome - San Lorenzo
Parvin Ahmadi - Cal State East Bay
Amandeep Randhawa - RASA
Cynthia Rapaido - Retirees

Grateful to this group of ACSA leaders who volunteered to serve as our region's representatives to ACSA Committees and job-alike Councils. serving in these roles also provide unique leadership and networking opportunities statewide.

Suzanne Murphy (Adult Education)
Roberto Perez (Business Services)
Leslie Marley (Career Technical Education)
Keshia Emmendorfer (Classified Leaders)
Dan Musselman (Co-Administrators)
Rachel Fogleman (Early Childhood Education)
Coleen Martin (Educational Options)
Crystal Castaneda (Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability)
Monique Walton (Equity)
Pam Hughes (Elementary Education)
Melanie Jones (Human Resources)
Kristy Warren (Leadership Development)
Hilary Dito (Legislative Policy)
Danielle Winford (Middle Grades Education)
Harvey Yurkovich (Small School District)

Nanette Marinov (Student Services & Special Ed)
David Thornley (Retirement)
Kevin Ahern (Secondary Education)
Pasquale Scuderi (Superintendent)
Lizaday Rancap-Perez (Urban Education)



From Region 6 Executive Director

Belonging to ACSA

It's been a very exciting start of the year for Region 6. Our Board of Directors which is made up of over 50 members including the 16 Executive Committee members (Officers and at-large reps), 19 charter presidents (listed above) and 20 Committee/Council reps (also above) held its annual leadership retreat on Saturday, August 8. Check out our website at <https://regions.acsa.org/6/>

A number of our charters or districts invited Region 6 to attend their beginning of the year management retreats. ACSA Member Recruiter, Felton Owens and I signed up over 80 new or returning members. Welcome to all our new ACSA members.

Whether you are new or a long time member, take advantage of all the benefits of belonging to ACSA. We often hear questions about what members get. Did you know ACSA updated its website to facilitate easier access to a multitude of resources and information? Go there ASAP and be sure you have created a login account. Update your profile, especially if you have changed positions or locations. Accurate info is necessary for you to get current communication from ACSA and Region 6. If you are not getting emails or publications, reach out to member services or me. Before you do that, check your spam folder first!

On this opening of a school year, I can't believe that I started my educational journey 52 years ago! I will always feel nostalgic at this time of the year but I relish this season of my life when I have been able to do more reflecting and deep-thinking than ever before. I have been listening to some awesome podcasts as I walk on most mornings. I have access to so much inspiration in this position as an ACSA Director of Region Operations. It's always been my nature to share impactful knowledge or experiences I have come across and elevate all the amazing people I have gotten to know.

I have been particularly moved by Linda Anderson's podcast. I have listened to many of her episodes especially those with leaders I have admired and inspired by over the years. See her story above. I have also been inspired and have learned a great deal from listening to Tracie Noriega and Anthony Anderson on their series, Critically Conscious Classrooms. Read more above. I highly recommend both series.

Have an amazing school year! We are here to support you.

Rose Lock
Region 6 Executive Director





Welcome New ACSA Members



Welcome to the following new ACSA members in Region 6 during July and August.

Alameda USD

Tri Nguyen

Berkeley USD

Joshua Heideman, George Fornero, Jennifer Mahmood, Salita Mitchell, Michael Tison Yee, Andrea Ambrose, Anniejae Fischburg-Coupland, Brigitte Luna, Clifton Carley, Alexander Billotte, Laurie Clark, Gabriel Fredman, Rosina Keren, Jana Holmes, Tonia Coleman, Doreen Bracamontes, Eric Husted

Fremont USD

Hillary Marine, Kristin Dil, Christine Tu, Leslie Heller, Spenser Peterson, Mei-Feng Howell, Nancy Kuei, Joanna Jensen, Malinda Elliott, Jennifer Moore, Stephanie Schubert, Dana Graham, Christina Arroyo, Hyon Lee, Angela Matian, Shan Li, Todd Morales

Livermore Valley JUSD

Brittany LeMay

Mt. Diablo USD

Julian Urmson, Michael Reinhardt, Linda Flynn, Diane Fitzpatrick, Francies Lamont, Nicole Kitchen, Mitchell Broxton, Carolyn Cruz, Yesenia Lechuga, Karen Miller, Kimberlee Romick-Jenks, Nicole Berglund, Jennifer McCullough, Stacy Campbell

Pleasanton USD

Elizabeth Lyons, Linda Boveda, Erica Rich, Michelle Pinney, Xitlah Sedano Jimenez, Eduardo Guerera, Anaite Letona, Carolyn Calderan, Amy Wallace

San Ramon Valley USD

Vincent Morales, Michael Mimiaga, Ismail Al-Shabazz, Sarah Wood, Tiffany Goh, Jennifer Chapman, Melissa Cohen, Cynthia Goin, Chi-Ching Shui, Courtney Konopacky, Kathleen Martins

West Contra Costa USD

Luis Chacon, Mark Davidson, David Gutierrez, Alexander Webster, Edeson Beredo, Karina Soriano-Ponce, Ferris Oliver



Partners Corner

Thank you to our ACSA Region 6 partners whose donations and sponsorships support various programs benefitting our school leaders. Check out all our partners on our website

Welcome new Region 6 Partners



Steam On Demand - Diamond Partner

STEAM On Demand delivers guided, hands-on STEAM lessons for TK–5 programs through our Guided Lab Experience (GLX), a flexible digital platform that combines interactive video instruction, hands-on projects, and built-in assessments. With step-by-step guidance and ready-to-use resources, facilitators can easily bring engaging, standards-aligned STEAM learning to students.

[Link to more information](#)



Edpursuit - Platinum Partner

Edpursuit is a K-12 HR compliance platform built for school districts & charter organizations. The platform helps HR teams manage high-stakes workflows including egregious misconduct verifications, such as California AB 2534 and SB 848 requirements, professional reference checks, credential management, credential action plans, and assignment monitoring.

Instead of relying on spreadsheets, shared inboxes, PDFs, manual CTC lookups, and repetitive follow-up, Edpursuit gives teams a centralized system to automate key tasks, monitor credential and assignment issues, track progress toward compliance, and maintain clear documentation. The result is less administrative work, better visibility, and a more proactive approach to K-12 hiring and workforce compliance.

[Link to more information](#)

TIPS AND RESOURCES FROM OUR PARTNERS Lifetouch and California Casualty

Lifetouch has been a partner to Region 6 for over 20 years and received the Friend of Region 6 Award in 2025. Rob Villano who is the National Sales Executive shared the following tips with our members charged with managing school picture day and yearbooks at their schools.

Beyond the Smile: Why Data Privacy Matters in School Photography

For generations, school Picture Day was primarily about capturing student smiles and creating cherished memories for families.

Over the last decade, however, school photography has evolved into a technology-driven experience with the safety and security of student data at the forefront.

Unlike many vendors that interact with schools, photography providers often require access to student information to deliver a successful Picture Day. Student names, grade levels, teacher

assignments, student IDs, and other personally identifiable information (PII) may be used to support picture day operations, ID services, yearbook services, and online ordering for families.

While the specific data shared with photography providers may vary, school districts should understand what information a vendor requires, why it is needed, how it is stored, how long it is retained, and who has access to it.

Your Picture Day may have already happened or is approaching fast! **Before you rebook for next year, click the link here [Safety and Security Checklist for School Photography - Lifetouch](#) to see the top questions you should ask all school photography vendors.**

If you'd like to learn more about how Lifetouch answers these questions, please contact Rob Villano, National Sales Executive at cjrob@lifetouch.com.

California Casualty is also a long-time partner with ACSA. They offer the Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant, which provides **\$1,000 grants** to support public elementary, middle, and high school athletic programs impacted by budget reductions. ACSA members can apply on behalf of their school's sports programs.

You can also access the grant application online at [Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter! We are awarding a copy of Matt Chamberlain's book to the first 3 people who complete [the form at this link](#).

You can also choose to receive Cheryl Wozniak's children's book [using this link](#). 3 copies will also be given away. Only 1 entry and book per person and only ACSA members are eligible.

ACSA Region 6 Partners 2026-2027



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