

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

This completed **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the U.S. post office no later than **THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box.

A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.

OFFICIAL 2018 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-A
(Contra Costa County)

Number of vacancies: 3 (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020

**denotes incumbent*

Laura Canciamilla (Pittsburg USD)*

Madeline Kronenberg (West Contra Costa USD)

Marina Guadalupe Ramos (John Swett USD)

Raymond Valverde (Liberty Union HSD)*

Provision for Write-in Candidate Name

School District

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

Title

School District

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.

2018 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

DUE: Sunday, January 7, 2018

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Signature: Laura Canciamilla Date: 12-13-17

Name: <u>Laura Canciamilla</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7A</u>
District or COE: <u>Pittsburg Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>13</u>
Profession: <u>Retired Educator</u>	Contact Number: (please v <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.) <u>925-642-3787</u>
*Primary E-mail: <u>lcanciamilla@gmail.com</u>	
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)	
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>13 years</u>

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

CSBA plays a critical role in representing and empowering school boards. People from many backgrounds step up to serve their communities and they need the professional support from a skilled, independent organization to share the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that school boards need to be successful. In the past five years I have been excited to see the growth of the Delegate Assembly as a partner to staff and the Board of Directors of CSBA. Regional representatives on Delegate Assembly are the conduit to bring local issues to the attention of our state organization. This information guides the CSBA staff, not only to provide quality assistance and skill building to local boards, but also to provide the focus to staff to represent our interests at the state level. CSBA can play a vital role in "speaking truth to power."

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have worked in education for over 40 years as a teacher, counselor, principal, and curriculum specialist at the district level. My doctoral dissertation was focused on high performing school boards. On my board since 2004, we have focused on improvement of student achievement, school facilities, and our board functioning. We have worked with our community to pass facility bonds and we have improved our student achievement and graduation rates. CSBA has helped with this improvement. All board members are MIG graduates and my service as a Delegate and a Director (2009-2013) gave us access to resources and best practices. I have served on several committees and task forces at CSBA, including Annual Conference, Nominating Committee, and Leg. Policy.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

As boards, our biggest challenge is moving from person-dependent organizations to organizations with institutionalized systemic approaches. Too often districts suffer "whiplash" when new board members or superintendents arrive. Sadly, while we use CSBA to update policies, we do not use them and other key governing documents (job descriptions, curriculum guides, or strategic plans) to guide our daily practices. Too often these documents exist, untouched, in binders or electronic files. They are not used to guide organizational efforts and/or change. Change is inevitable within any organization, but it should be purposeful change, not drifting based upon current personalities. CSBA can provide this guidance and it is sorely needed.



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Signature: *Madeline Kronenberg* Date: 12/7/17

Name: Madeline Kronenberg CSBA Region-subregion #: 7
District or COE: West Contra Costa Unified Years on board: 11
Profession: Retired Teacher Contact Number: (please v Cell Home Bus.) 510-334-9646
*Primary E-mail: mkronen@aol.com

(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)
Are you a continuing Delegate? Yes No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I believe "policies matter" and that CSBA provides us with the strongest venue to create and advocate for policies that will serve all our children. I have stood for children during my many years as a parent/advocate, my thirty years as an adult school teacher, and my eleven years on the school board. I have chaired, co-chaired and supported initiatives focused on increasing district resources (through both parcel taxes and bond measures) for the children of my community. In addition, I have collaborated with city, county and state officeholders and groups to address growing integrated approaches to social problems faced by many of our children. I have worked with labor and industry groups to develop a coordinated approach to career training (using my background as a Career Tech teacher). I am collaborative, thoughtful and focused on all children's needs.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served on my local board since 2006. I have been president (twice), clerk (twice) and served on the following board committees: Facilities (chair), Safety and School Climate, Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc Teacher Housing Committee, and as liaison to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and the Richmond Promise Steering Committee. In addition, I have served on the Executive Board and as President of the Contra Costa County School Boards Association. I served on the Board and as President of the Costanoan Chapter of the California Council for Adult Education. In my local community, I serve on the board of the El Cerrito Lions and also on the board of the West Contra Costa County League of Women Voters.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

I think the biggest challenge facing governing boards in California is the lack of competitive resources available from Sacramento. I appreciate the work CSBA is doing with respect to advocacy for "full funding". I believe "full funding" means being competitive with the states at the top of the funding list and that we must not continue to support a system where California children are expected to succeed with less than \$10,000 and New York (and other states) support their children with over \$20,000.

Madeline Kronenberg

811 Craft Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
510-334-9646

Education: UC Berkeley -- Teaching Credential 1982

Career:

1965-1980 -- Administrative positions in the Federal government and private law firms
1979-1985 -- Your Word Processing Center -- Sole Proprietor
1980-2010 -- Instructor/Director of Legal Studies Program, Hayward Adult School

Awards:

2003 - State Excellence in Teaching Award, California Council for Adult Education

WCCUSD Offices Held -

PTA member and/or officer (1984-2007)
School Site Council Member - Portola Middle School, El Cerrito High School
Redistricting Committee Member (2002)
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Member (2004-2006)
Measure J Co-Chair (2005)

Board Member - elected 2006 and 2010

Board Positions:

Board President
Board Clerk
Academic Subcommittee (member and/or chair)
Facilities Subcommittee (member and/or chair)
Technology Subcommittee (member and/or chair)
Safety Subcommittee (member and/or chair)
Youth Commission
College and Career Collaborative Liaison
Common Core Task Force Member
Ivy League Connection Scholarship Program - Co-Founder

Volunteer:

League of Women Voters West Contra Costa - Executive Board Member
League of Women Voters Bay Area -- Executive Board Member/President
For Richmond -- Education Committee Chair (2012-16)
El Cerrito Lions - Member

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Signature: *Marina D. Ramos*

Date: 12-27-2017

Name: Marina Guadalupe Ramos

CSBA Region-subregion #: 7-A

District or COE: John Swett Unified School District

Years on board: 1

Profession: Nonprofit Program Manager Contact Number: (please v Cell Home Bus.) (510) 672-9462

*Primary E-mail: mramos@jsusd.org (Rodeomentoring2004@gmail.com)

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Are you a continuing Delegate? Yes No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am interested to continue servicing our constituents and our children in a wider capacity by directly advocating for changes that can impact and bring forth equal educational opportunities for every child we serve. I will my twenty plus years of experience working as a community bilingual liaison, Spanish Interpreter/Translator for Children and Family Services, founding and supporting non-profit organizations that serve and provide resources to undeserved/underrepresented families. I believe in justice and equal opportunity for every child, parent, grandparent, every member of our communities.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I am serving as a local board member at the John Sweet Unified School District, in Rodeo California, Contract Costa County. As a representative of the JSUSD board, I attend community engagements several times during the year. I also serve on the Community Advisory Pannel (CAP) of the Phillips 66 corporation, representing and advocating for our district and families. As a CSBA member, I am continuing my education with the goal of acquiring a masters in governance.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

The biggest challenge I see is the dissemination of information from the school districts to the schools, and from the schools to the families and children we serve. By the time parents get the information, it has expired or policies have changed. The SCBA should develop an more efficient system that can inform schools, parents and the community in a timely manner.



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Signature: *Raymundo* Date: 12-13-17

Name: <u>Raymond Valverde</u>		CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7a</u>
District or COE: <u>Liberty Union High School District</u>		Years on board: <u>22+</u>
Profession: <u>Retired Educator</u>	Contact Number: (please v <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.)	<u>(925)759-4755</u>
*Primary E-mail: <u>brentwood502001@yahoo.com</u>		
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Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>6 yrs</u>

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have served as a delegate for the past 6 years. I bring over 20 years of school board experience to the delegate position. I am a retired high school educator having served as a teacher, various site and district office positions and associate principal. I currently represent Region 7a on the North Coast Section Board of Managers and Eligibility Committee. I have also served on the NCS Appeals Committee on several occasions. During the last 6 years as a delegate, I have attended every Delegate Assembly meeting except one (death in family).

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served or serve on several community committees: Liberty Education Foundation, Hall of Fame Committee, Marsh Creek Clean-up Committee, Regional Parks Trail Clearing and Graduates of Distinction Committee. During the week, I attend many student events such as parades, plays and athletic competitions.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

One of the biggest challenges would be to improve student achievement, especially in math. Closing the achievement gap with our subgroups is still priority. The increases in pension contribution by districts will continue to negatively impact our budgets. CSBA can help with the legislative rallies held in Sacramento and by recommending different strategies that have worked in other areas.