

# Community Day School Network

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Dear Educators,

I would like to invite you to the Community Day School Network (CDS Network) State Conference. The annual CDS Network conference will be held in Fresno, California, January 11-13, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

Presenters at the conference include State and National educational leaders, as well as, district and county office personnel who are considered to be experts in educational options and alternative education. Additional presenters include educational attorneys and law enforcement representatives whose expertise extends beyond the classroom and principal's office.

Networking opportunities will be provided throughout the conference. You will make lasting connections with your peers throughout the state. Attendees, participants, and presenters represent all professional roles from school sites, counseling and support services, central office administration, school boards, probation, and community stakeholders. Participants come from all geographical areas of California and district sizes. Attendees consistently rate this conference as, "the best conference they have attended."

Due to our reputation for quality content, affordability, and convenient location, the CDS Network conferences consistently sell out. This year will be no different as registration is limited to the first 220 applicants.

Personnel who attend this conference will return to their sites with proven strategies that will benefit their district. If you work with at-risk/at-promise students or supervise staff who work with at-risk/at-promise students then this conference is a must. A registration form and conference flyer have been attached for your convenience. Space is limited so please register early. If you have any questions regarding this conference please email me at [dfreitas@chs.cusd.claremont.edu](mailto:dfreitas@chs.cusd.claremont.edu).

Sincerely,

Devon Freitas

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State President, CDS Network

# Community Day School Network

## STATE-CONFERENCE

January 11-13, 2009  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
Fresno, California

### "Leadership Through Partnership"

#### *Highlights include*

*Expert Educational Speakers, CDS organizational and operational tactics, effective teaching techniques, SMART goals training, leadership training and legal updates by California's best educators and education law firms. Topics include Professional Learning Communities, Resiliency, bullying, gangs, drugs, effective teaching, special education, 504 accommodations,-- and our --"ASK the EXPERTS panel!"*

#### *Speakers include*

*Jack O'Connell, Jeff Eben, Marc Johnson, Dan Sackheim, Dr. Bill McBride, Dr. Nick Taylor, Dr. Dennis Wiechmann, JoDee Marcellin, John Vigallon, Jeff Owen, Lawrence Fernandez, Mark Coffman, Nick Hustedde, Eduardo Martinez, Rick Church, Brian Radtke and the Lazano Smith legal staff. WE STILL ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATION TO PRESENT. IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS AT THE END OF THIS FLYER and RETURN IT ASAP!*

***Since 1999, the CDS Network State Conference has been the only place to find California's top alternative education personnel sharing their proven strategies and experience.***

*Outstanding Networking Opportunities for those who work with at-risk/at-promise students!!!! Do not miss out!!!!*

Sunday January 11, 2009

## Pre-Conference Academy

Pre-Conference Registration Required to Attend  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. All About Drugs on Campus  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Hosted Networking

### All About Drugs on Campus

**Presenters:** John Vigallon, Officer Rod Little & others from "Help Educate Loving Parents" (*HELP*)

This academy is geared towards anyone that works where they may encounter drugs on campus. It is for site and district administrators, campus supervisors, teachers, School Resource Officers and other interested staff. You and your staff will learn how to identify drugs and recognize those under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Recognition is the critical first step in making intervention referrals and helping our students overcome significant issues that are interfering with healthy development.

#### Monday-Tuesday

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Invited Speakers

#### Jack O'Connell

Jack O'Connell was elected to a second four-year term as State Superintendent of Public Instruction on June 6, 2006. As chief of California's public school system and leader of the California Department of Education, Superintendent O'Connell has focused on closing the achievement gap and preparing students for a rapidly changing global economy by holding high standards for all students.

#### Marc Johnson

Superintendent of Sanger Unified School District shares Sanger Unified's unique success and the importance of including ideas of student resiliency in all aspects of a successful school. This focus on student academic growth and student resiliency has resulted in stunning academic growth in both regular education and alternative education. His message is inspirational and motivating.

#### Dr. Bill McBride

Bill McBride has worked in a variety of public school and university settings. In middle and secondary schools, he has served as a Reading Specialist, English and Social Studies teacher, Drama teacher, and Gifted and Talented instructor. He holds a Masters in Reading and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is well known both nationally and internationally as a humorous and inspirational speaker and engaging presenter of innovative teaching methodologies.

#### Jeff Eben

Jeff, a promising high school athlete, overcame a paralyzing water skiing accident at age 16 and became a teacher, coach and administrator. His story of hope, perseverance and love, along with the message that a wheelchair is no impediment to a fruitful life, has inspired both national and international audiences.

### CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Invited Presenters  
(partial list)

#### Breakout Sessions

#### Title: CDSs that Really Work

**Presenter: Dr. Nick Taylor**

Dr. Nick Taylor has constructed a CDS that really works. Come find out his secrets and tricks. The level system, meet your dreams, weekly grade reports and much more.

#### Title: Engaging the Disengaged: Energizing Adolescent Learners

**Presenter: Dr. Bill McBride**

Today's students see more and more of a disconnect between school environments and the outside world. Recent research clearly identifies six environmental stimuli that get the brain's attention--stimuli that are inherent in most pieces of technology. Teachers will learn strategies to help students preview texts, take notes, comprehend while reading, and summarize what they have read. Come prepared to be inspired and have fun. Detailed handouts are provided.

#### Title: Student Privacy Rights

**Presenter: Lozano Smith**

Can you search a cell phone, My Space page, back pack? What if the student says no? What if a parent questions your authority to search a student's belongings?

#### Title: Professional Learning Communities

**Presenter: Eduardo Martinez**

Proven techniques to improve school wide and classroom wide student achievement. Working together to establish SMART goals and how this can impact student achievement, classroom behavior, and school wide behavior.

**Title: A Comprehensive Approach to Alt-Ed****Presenters: Dr. Dennis Wiechmann**

Where does the CDS fit in with the other district alt-ed programs and school? What does the education code say about how students get transferred to CDSs and other Alt-Ed programs? A look at CDSs from a district perspective.

**Title: Is this the school you want to attend?****Presenter: Dan Sackheim**

Going beyond the required components. What components will result in a school that connects with students and gets them back on track.

**Title: Sexual Orientation/Bullying****Presenter: Lozano Smith**

Attorneys will review the legal issues surrounding student harassment, sexual orientation, and bullying. There are many new code interpretations.

**Title: Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI)****Presenter: JoDee Marcellin**

This effective instructional strategy works in regular education as well as Community Day Schools. This strategy has provided tremendous academic growth for CDS students and districts as a whole.

**Title: Student Discipline (IDEA/504)****Presenters: Lozano Smith**

Learn the changes in the Special Education Law and what that means in relation to suspension, expulsion, and student services.

**Title: Leadership and Resiliency****Presenter: Rick Church**

Tired of the same old instructional day? Come hear how an alternative education school has implemented an activity based leadership and resiliency program and the difference it has made.

**Title: Support Services in Alt Ed****Presenter: Dr. Cindy Toews**

Support services are a vital component to the success of every Alt-Ed school or class. Come see how Dr. Toews ensures that all the Alt-Ed students in her district get the services they need.

**Title: Gang Intervention****Presenter: Lawrence Fernandez**

This former gang member now works with Madera Unified School District. His comprehensive & exciting presentation will cover gang identification and effective intervention strategies.

**Title: K-8 / 9-12 Round Table Discussion****Moderator: Mark Coffman/Dave Vargas/Wanda Conway**

Come share your professional experience with your colleagues. Be prepared to share an outstanding lesson or classroom management technique. If you have questions, come and have them answered by the teachers just like you.

**Title: Credit Recovery****Moderator: Charles Hariman**

How do you support students who have made the commitment to completing school make up credits and graduate? Come get ideas that you can take back to your school that can immediately support student credit recovery.

**Title: County Community Day Schools****Presenter: Nick Hustedde**

Service learning in the Community Day School. Partnering with CSU Fresno Music Department, Fresno County Community Day School has embarked on a remarkable option to support the varied interests of its' students. If you have a college nearby, you could do the same!

**Title: Drugs in Schools****Presenter: John Vigallon**

What drugs are on your campuses? John provides an overview of illegal drugs, their usage and trends on California school campuses and follows ups with identifying effective intervention programs.

**Title: Financial Aspects of a CDS****Presenter: Dan Sackheim**

Show me the money! How much revenue is generated by attendance and what other services are required to be provided by the district. Are your students getting all that they are entitled to?

**Title: General Discipline a Legal Perspective****Presenter: Lozano Smith**

Attorneys from Lozano Smith will cover discipline issues that relate to suspension, expulsions, free speech, and student rights.

**Title: Got Parents?****Presenter: Brian Radtke**

How many schools have great parent involvement? How can you improve your parent involvement? Come see how one school has established an outstanding parent participation program that has been recognized by John Hopkins University.

**Title: Fighting Gangs, A Law Enforcement Perspective****Presenters: MAGEC staff**

Law Enforcement Officers from the Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC) will cover the latest in gangs, including Asian gangs, and how they are fighting the war on gangs.

**Title: Panel of Experts****Presenter: CDS Network Board**

Come get all of your questions about CDSs answered from those who have "been there before." This is an interactive session that will cover a wide variety of topics.

# 2009 STATE CDS Network State Conference

## Priority Registration Form

Sunday, January 11 - Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
**RADISSON HOTEL—Fresno Conference Center**  
 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, CA 93721  
 1-800-333-3333 or 559-268-1000

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| Name:                   | Title:                                    |
| School District/Agency: |   |
| Address:                |   |
| City:                   | State:    ZIP:                    County: |
| Work Number:            | Home Number:                              |
| E-Mail Address:         |   |

| Registration options <b>2, 3, 4</b> include <b>2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, social gatherings, membership, and all materials.</b><br>Pre-Conference is not included in options 2,3,and 4 and is an additional cost.   | Cost  | Sub-Total |
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| 1. Pre-Conference Academy Registration (Sunday January 11, 2009).<br>_____ When Drugs are on Campus<br><br>****Includes hosted networking social activity with appetizers after the pre-conference****  | \$75  |           |
| 2. CDS Network Conference (Monday & Tuesday) <b>for current members</b> of CDS Network. Does not include pre-conference. See <a href="http://www.cdsnetwork.org">www.cdsnetwork.org</a> for a list of current members to see if you qualify for the members discount. | \$300 |           |
| 3. CDS Network Conference (Monday & Tuesday) <b>for non members.</b>  | \$350 |           |
| 4. Group discount for agencies sending four or more participants.   | \$250 |           |
| <b>Total Amount Due</b>   |       |           |

\_\_\_\_\_ I request a vegetarian lunch on Monday    \_\_\_\_\_ I request a vegetarian lunch on Tuesday

Registration **check or Purchase Order** must accompany this form  
 No refunds or purchase orders after January 1, 2009

**Conference headquarters is the Radisson Hotel at the Convention Center in Fresno. The CDS Network special room rate is \$109.00 for single or double occupancy (plus 12% tax, parking is free). **These rates cannot be guaranteed after December 1, 2008. Make your room reservation early, as there are no other major hotels in the immediate area. Phone the Radisson at 1-800-333-3333, or Fax 559-441-2954. Ask for the CDS Network rate.****

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| Make Checks or P.O.s payable to :<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CDS Network</div> (Our Federal Tax ID is # 96-2914528) | Mail to:<br><b>CDS Network c/o D. Freitas<br/>                 Claremont USD<br/>                 2080 N. Mountain Ave<br/>                 Claremont, CA 91711</b> | Phone:<br>909-398-0617<br>Fax:<br>909-398-0622 |
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**Community Day School Network 2009 Annual Statewide Conference  
January 11-13, 2009 – Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Fresno California**

**Call for Workshop Presenters**  
(Please type or print, and complete the entire form.)

**We still have room for “breakout” sessions.** Showcase your exemplary model school programs, strategies and/or plans. Can you assist and make this conference our best yet? Check the sample of topics we would like to cover on the conference application or suggest a topic of your own. (Conference form available at [www.cdsnetwork.org](http://www.cdsnetwork.org).) Help other school districts and county offices of education better ensure that we continue to promote quality-learning communities within our community day schools. A workshop is approximately 75 minutes in length. Ample time should be scheduled for questions and comments. If selected, you will be notified by November 20, 2008. You may be creative and have co-presenters, panels, or an open carousel on a general topic. **(Submit presenter proposal electronically if possible)**

**Workshop Presenter(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact information for primary presenter will be printed in the program)

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Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
District/County Office/Agency

\_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address (print legibly)

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**Workshop Title** *(If your proposal is accepted, this title will be printed in the conference program):*

**Check appropriate category:**

Administrative Topics  Standards and Accountability  Teaching & Learning Effectiveness  Promoting Student Success

**I will be available:** \_\_\_\_\_ **January 12<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Description** *(If your proposal is accepted, this description will be printed in the conference program 200 word maximum.)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Biography will be included** *(200 word maximum)*

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No Later Than November 15, 2008**

