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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**SHIRLEY KESTERKE**  
CASCWA State  
President

Hello!

We are finally getting the *Intercom* to you. We did not make the last one due to communication difficulties and a few other problems. It is not the fault of the editor, Bill Booth !!!

I hope all of you are having a great year. As I speak to my colleagues around the state, it seems that expulsions and discipline issues are up all over. In our area, the gang activity has definitely increased due to a new job assignment this year. I have not made it to the Sections for meetings. I did attend the Southern Section Mini Conference in the fall in Palm Springs. It was a great conference and they treated me like royalty. My thanks to all of them for their hospitality and all the hard work that went into their program. I also attended part of Bay Section's Fall Kickoff (I had to leave early to go back to my district to conduct expulsion hearings. That's what happens when you live too close.) It was also an excellent mini conference and I hated to leave. I hope to get to a meeting in the other two sections yet this spring.

Our Legislative Committee will be getting active. With the new people in the legislature, it is important to get to know them. We want them to know who we are and what we represent when we ask them to take a position on certain legislation. A lot of progress has been made in this area over the past six years. We need to keep the momentum going.

The State Board met January 25, 1999, in San Jose. They are working very hard to keep the Association strong and Moving in the right direction.

A slate of officers has been prepared for next year. We continue to be represented in many other organizations such as CAPSO, Pupil Services Alliance, State SARB and NCJOA. The next board meeting will be at the State Conference in San Francisco on Wednesday morning, April 28, 1999. The meetings are open to anyone.

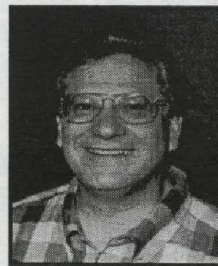
Speaking of the State Conference, be sure to make your reservations early for the conference which will be held April 28, 29 and 30 at the Marine Memorial in San Francisco. For those of you that attended the last time we were there, you know what a great hotel that is. The location is ideal and we get good room rates. The committee with input from the State Executive Board is planning an outstanding program. This is the first year that we are having a single State Conference. We are doing this on a trial basis for four years to see how it works. Many people were not able to get off work for two conferences a year. People only attended the one in their area, making it basically a Section Conference rather than a State Conference.

This is a good time to come together and do some networking. I learn so much and come back with so many ideas when I meet with all of you. Mark your calendar if you haven't already done so.

I hope you have a good year and are all healthy. Keep up the good work you are doing for our young people. They need us more now than ever.

Sincerely,

Shirley Kesterke

**GREETINGS FROM SOUTHERN SECTION**

**MARK MICHELS**  
President  
Southern Section

Greetings from sunny Southern California! Southern Section CASCWA is having a fantastic year!

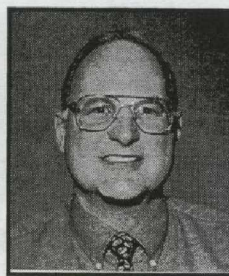
Our section mini-conference was a tremendous success, drawing more than 150 members to the Marquis Hotel in Palm Springs in November. Frank Boehler and Jerry Hime, conference co-chairs, provided exciting and informative workshops on topics "From A to Z", "Attendance to Zero Tolerance."

In February, Dr. Donna Opoku-Agyeman coordinated a stimulating panel discussion on child abuse prevention and intervention issues, "Who Speaks for the Children?" The program was hosted by Betty Folsom at the Riverside County Office of Education.

Dr. James Shaw and the Los Angeles County Office of Education will host a Legal Educational Forum on April 23, 1999. A distinguished panel of experts representing the schools, the courts, and the Legislature will address "Citing on Site - A New Approach for Increasing Attendance and School Safety." We look forward to seeing you at this important legal forum.

In addition, we are looking forward to meeting with our CASCWA colleagues at the State Conference in San Francisco on April 28-30, 1999. It will be an exciting opportunity to share information and to renew acquaintances.

The Southern Section Executive Board and Committees are dedicated to providing timely and informative programs for our members. The enthusiastic response to our section activities has been most gratifying. As section president, I wish to acknowledge the commitment and contributions of each member of the Southern Section Executive Board and Committees. You are the greatest! Through your collaborative efforts, CASCWA Southern Section is able to support our CASCWA colleagues in the field and to serve the children and families in Southern California schools.

**SAN JOAQUIN IS HAVING A GREAT YEAR**

**JOHN BRYON**  
President  
San Joaquin Section

In our line of work, the only constant is change. In the spirit of flexibility, after years of avoidance, I weathered a "tight" electoral race to assume the San Joaquin Section Presidency in August. Tom Black, my boss at Modesto City Schools, remains our Vice President. Robert Pankratz from Fresno Unified School District, Secretary, Phil Swerengen, Ceres Unified School District, Treasurer; and the old war horse, Joe Brucia, from Merced Union High School District, Legislative Representative, rounds out our leadership team.

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October 2nd and 3rd with the largest turnout, forty-five participants, in our approximate fourteen-year history. Associate Superintendent, Sharon Burnis, from Modesto City Schools, was our main presenter discussing hate-violence issues on our campuses as well as student sexual harassment concerns. A round table discussion of positive attendance, safe schools, TANF regulations, and legislative highlights occupied most of our Saturday morning. The conference was very well received and a good foundation was set for this 98-99 school year.

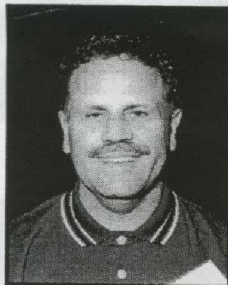
Our records indicate ninety paid members with a large number of new members. Many of those new members have recently assumed CWA responsibilities and are in need of CASCWA's professional assistance.

Friendship and professional connections were begun at Bass Lake. It will be our focus this year to provide resource and information to our new and continuing members and solidify our membership base.

Results of a membership survey sent out at the end of October will help guide our activities for the year. Additionally, we will be providing the membership a list of our continuing members and their areas of expertise.

Special thanks to: "retired" member Sam Vaughn for his help with the Bass Lake conference and years of service as treasurer; Gil Awalt "retired"; and Joe Brucia for their energy and expertise for the very successful Spring 98 state conference and Galen Wright, past president, for his help with membership and the CASCWA leadership transition. This will be a productive and rewarding year.

#### DELTA SIERRA RETURNS TO TAHOE



**ROB GERIG**

President

Delta-Sierra Section

As part of Delta Sierra's ongoing effort to provide professional development for members and potential members, a two-day workshop was held in Chico on Sept. 17 and 18. Michael Parks, Director of Pupil Services for the San Juan Unified School District, gave an excellent presentation on "Expulsion-Step-by-Step." Tad Kitada, Director of Prevention Services from the Placer County Office of Education and Rob Gerig, Director of Pupil Services from the Sacramento City Unified School District provided the attendees with Comprehensive Safe School notebooks with sample policies to help bring districts into compliance with SB187. Phil Kauble was kind enough to fly up from Los Angeles to give the group an up-to the minute summary of legislation. Many of the rural counties of Delta-Sierra were represented by CWA folks. A huge thank you goes out to Lee Wood, Director of Pupil Services for the Butte County Office of Education, for organizing the event.

Our Section is planning another workshop for Friday March 5 to be held in Sacramento at the County Office of Education. Joe Taylor, Administrator Child Welfare and Attendance for SCOE, is the host and contact person. Possible topics

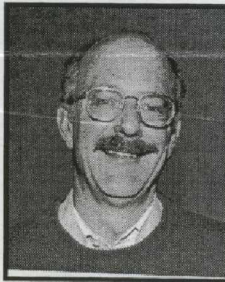
include SB727 - How positive attendance accounting is effecting CWA's 6 months later: Legislation-What bills to support? and Social Promotion- the effect of CWA work.

Looking farther ahead, mark your calendar for October 7 and 8, 1999 as we will be returning to everyone's favorite place to attend a CASCWA conference SOUTH LAKE TAHOE EMBASSY SUITES. The Thursday and Friday conference registration will fill up fast so save your money, block out those dates and wait for registration information. On March 6, Delta-Sierra Section proudly presented its Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award to Mireya Jauregue of Fair View Continuation High School in Chico

Mireya was awarded \$500. The award is given annually to a student who has been out of the traditional comprehensive school setting and has overcome personal obstacles to complete high school and enroll in congratulations Mireya!

In closing, the Delta-Sierra Section is constantly recruiting new members to the section. If you would like information about joining please call Karen Chapman at (530) 889-5909. For \$30 per year there is no network in the state that helps professionals and paraprofessional more in the Child Welfare and Attendance field. Hope to see everyone at the annual state conference April 28-30, 1999 in beautiful San Francisco.

#### BAY SECTION ANTICIPATES STATE CONFERENCE



**ALAN DEL SIMONE**

President

Bay Section

Bay Section "kicked-off" the year with our mini-conference and membership drive on October 30, 1998: "Understanding Youth on the Fringes". Rita Wertz, from the State Attorney general's office an outstanding presenter, made the keynote address, followed by a panel on school-community partnerships, a presentation on Occult and Devil Worship, and Gang Tracking. The conference was well attended, and had a broad appeal beyond school personnel. On a personal note, I am extremely pleased to be in the role of bay section President. I have reflected on what attracted me to CASCWA and hope that, as President, I can continue to encourage the same attributes in Bay Section CASCWA: excellent networking, vital information, legislative updates, and membership input. Additional challenges are increasing membership, improving communications and pulling together our very large diverse section.

While much effort has gone into planing our fall meetings, planning is also proceeding full steam ahead for the Sprig statewide Conference in San Francisco on April 28, 29, and 30 1999. Bay section welcomes the challenge of planning the Statewide conference under the new format of only one statewide conference per year. Excellent;ent topics and workshops will be arranged with the help of the state and section conference liaisons. We'll be at the lovely and ideally located Marines Memorial Hotel once again, and we've ordered balmy weather. Save the dates; it will be a truly "Can't miss!" conference. !





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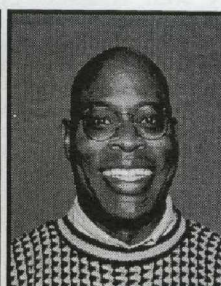
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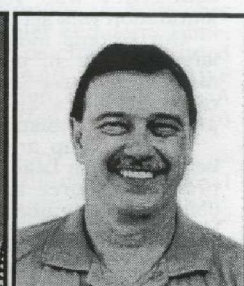
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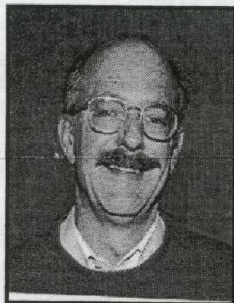
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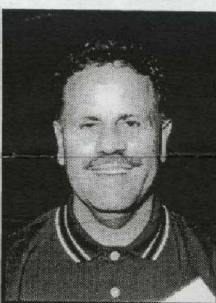
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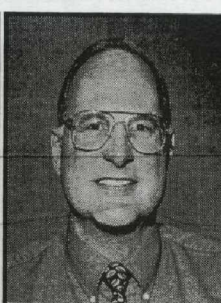
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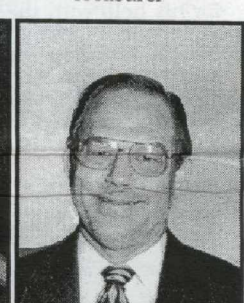
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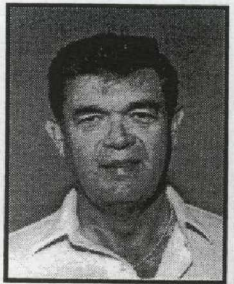
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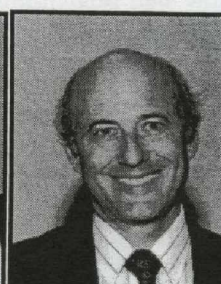
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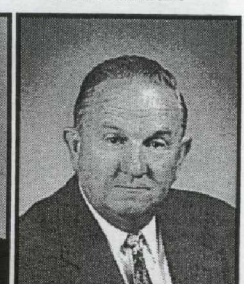
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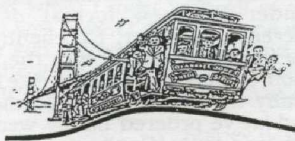
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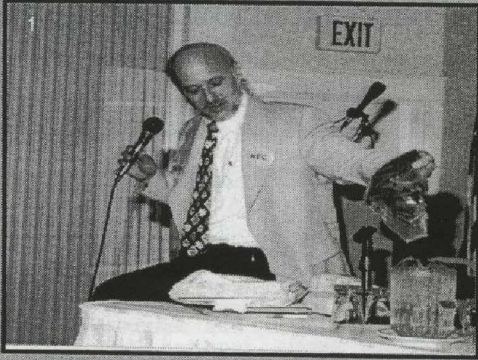


**BILL BOOTH**  
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**CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE**  
San Francisco  
April 28-30, 1999

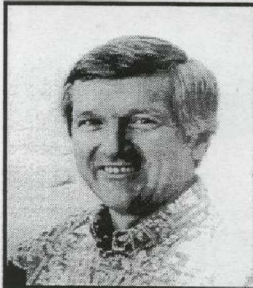








# LEGISLATION



**PHIL KAUBLE**  
CASCWA Legislative  
Chairperson

This is a listing of significant bills passed, signed and chaptered in the 1998 legislative session.

You may call the Sacramento Bill Room at (916) 445-2323 for a copy of the bills you want to review. Space does not allow complete discussion; These are the briefest of notations. Please obtain the complete bill from the bill room or the Internet

#### PUPIL DISCIPLINE

**AB 17** **Cardoza**  
**Ch. 527**

An act to amend Section 48903 of the Education Code relating to pupil discipline.

Presently, suspensions for an individual pupil shall not exceed 20 school days in any school year unless for purposes of adjustment a

pupil is enrolled or transferred; in which case the days of suspension shall not exceed 30.

As amended, this section now provides that a school district may not count the days of suspension that occur while the pupil is enrolled in another district toward the maximum days (30) that a Pupil may be suspended in any one school year. In effect, this allows a receiving school to reset the cumulative suspension count to zero for all transferring students. It is recommended that this new provision be applied equally to all transferring students pursuant to Board policy.

#### INDEPENDENT STUDY

**AB 1327** **Wayne** **Ch. 60**  
**An act to amend Section 51745.6 of the Ed. Code**

Presently the law prohibits the ratio of average daily attendance for independent study pupils 18 years of age or less to full time equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study from exceeding the equivalent ratio of pupils to full-time certificated employees for all other education programs operated by the school district.

This bill would allow a unified school district participating in the class size reduction program pursuant to Chapter 6, 10 (commencing with section 52120) two calculate the pupil-teacher ratio separately for kindergarten and grades 1-6 inclusive and for grades 7-12 inclusive.

**This is an urgency statute to take effect immediately.**

#### PUPIL PROMOTION AND RETENTION

**AB 1626** **Wayne** **Ch. 742**

An act to add Sections 48070.5 and 60648 to the Education Code.

Current law requires governing boards to adopt policy regarding pupil promotion and retention. This act requires Boards to approve a policy for promotion and retention between the specified second and third, third and fourth, fourth and fifth, end of intermediate and beginning of middle school, and end and beginning of high school

The policy must provide for the identification of pupils who should be retained or who are at risk of

being retained on the basis of either of the following:

a. The results of STAR assessments, once the State Board of Education has established minimal performance levels required for satisfactory performance at the next grade.

b. The pupil's grades and other indicators of achievement designated by the district.

The policy shall indicate the manner in which opportunities for remedial instruction will be provided to pupils recommended for retention or to those who are at risk for retention.

Governing boards may adopt policy that exceeds the criteria established in the law.

#### MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL

**AB 1639** **Sweeney** **Ch. 743**  
**Urgency**

An act to add Section 37252.5 to the Education Code  
This legislation requires governing boards maintaining any or all of Grades 2 to 9, inclusive, to offer direct, systematic, and intensive supplemental instruction to pupils in these grades who have been retained.

Supplemental instruction for pupils in grades 2 to 6, inclusive, may be offered to pupils, with low mathematics, reading and written expressions.

Supplemental instruction shall be offered during summer school, on Saturdays, after school, or during inter-sessions, or during a combination of these offerings. However, services shall not be provided during the pupil's regular day if it would result in an interruption of classroom instruction in the core curriculum.

This is an urgency statute to take effect immediately.

#### COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS

**AB 1845** **Honda** **Ch. 847**

An act to amend Sections 48662, 48663., and 48664 of and to add Sections 48660.2 and 48667 to the Education Code.

Existing law provides up to fifteen hundred dollars in additional revenue for school districts to operate Community Day Schools for up to six hours per day. It further provides that for districts which operate Community Day schools beyond six hours, an amount equal to one dollar and forty cents per hour for a maximum of two hours that each pupil remains under the supervision of a school district employee.

This bill would change those apportionments to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) above the base revenue limit for six hours and four dollars (\$400) per hour per pupil, up to two hours, for those programs that operate beyond six hours.

As a reminder, community school day attendance shall be reported in clock hours. Attendance of less than five hours will not generate additional apportionment. Five hours will generate one-half additional apportionment. Six hours generates the full amount of additional apportionment.

Independent study may not be utilized in the community day school program.



**PREGNANT AND PARENTING PUPILS****SB 1064 Johnston Ch. 1078**

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to formulate the administrative policies for pregnant minors programs operated by schools and county superintendents of schools.

This bill would repeal these provisions and articulate the Legislature's intent to establish a comprehensive, continuous, and community-linked school-based program to be known as the Cal-SAFE program, to focus on youth development and dropout prevention for pregnant and parenting pupils, and on child care and development services for their children.

Participating school districts and county offices of education would be required, under this bill, to assess pupils and children served by a local Cal-SAFE program to determine the appropriate level and types of services to provide.

**EDUCATION****SB 1110 Leslie Ch. 403**

An act to amend Section 51201 57 of the Civil Code and to add Sections 51554, and 542555 of the Education Code.

Existing law provides that parents are to be furnished written notification from school districts and county offices explaining the purpose of AIDS Prevention Instruction. As required, this notice is to specify that parents may request their children not receive such instruction and further, if a written request that the pupil not attend such instruction has been received by the school district, the pupil shall not attend the AIDS Prevention Instruction.

Notification requirements are expanded to provide that pupils who enroll after the beginning of the school year shall also receive information about AIDS instruction.

Districts are further required to notify parents if an outside organization or guest speaker is scheduled to deliver AIDS Prevention Instruction or an assembly is scheduled. If due to scheduling circumstances, notice cannot be made by commonly used methods (annual or upon enrollment) a separate written notification to parents shall be made no fewer than 10 and no more than fifteen days before instruction is delivered.

**SUMMER SCHOOL FUNDING****SB 1370 Polanco Ch. 942****Urgency**

An act to amend Section 42239 of the Education Code, and declaring the urgency thereof to take effect immediately.

This act funds the requirements of Chapter 742 Pupil Promotion And Retention, an Chapter 743, Mandatory Summer School.

It appropriates \$75,000,000 to fund supplemental instructional programs for pupils in grades 2 to 6, inclusive, as established pursuant to section 37252.5, added by AB 1639 of the 1997-98 regular legislative session. It also appropriates \$30,000,000 to provide remedial instruction to pupils in grades 2-6 inclusive and grades 7 to 9 inclusive, pursuant to recently enacted legislation.

This is an urgency statute to take effect immediately.

**HATE CRIMES****SB 1404 Johnston Ch. 414**

An act to amend Section 11411 of the Penal Code, relating to hate crimes.

Present law makes it a felony or a misdemeanor for a person to burn, desecrate, or destroy a cross or other religious symbol, knowing it to be a religious symbol, on the private property of another with the purpose of terrorizing the owner or occupant.

This bill extends the commission of such hate

crimes to include primary school, junior high school, or high school for the purpose of terrorizing any person who attends or works at the school or who is otherwise associated with the school

**PUPIL EXPULSION****SB 1427 Rainey Ch. 489**

An act to amend Section 48918 of the Education Code.

Section 48918 of the Education Code is amended to provide that if compliance with the time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, is impractical due to a summer recess of the governing board of more than two weeks the days during the recess period shall not count as school days for the purpose of meeting the current 30 school day time line for conducting expulsion hearings and 40 school day time line for a decision to expel.

The days not counted, as school days due to a board recess shall not exceed 20 school days. Notwithstanding the days of extension as a result of board recess, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of school for the school year.

Note: A five-day extension for conducting the expulsion hearing may be granted for good cause. In addition, the pupil is entitled to at least one postponement of the hearing, not to exceed 30 calendar days. An additional postponement of the hearing may be granted at the discretion of the governing board. Reasons for the extension of time for the hearing shall be included as part of the expulsion record.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS****SB 1756 Lockyer Ch. 320****Urgency**

An act to amend the Education Code, making An appropriation and declaring the urgency thereof and making it effective immediately

The purpose of the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships Program is to create incentives for establishing locally driven after school enrichment programs that partner schools and communities to provide academic and literacy support along with safe, constructive alternatives for youth. Such programs shall consist of two components:

- (1) An educational/literacy component that provides tutoring or homework assistance in one or more areas as specified; and
- (2) An educational enrichment component which, at minimum, may include recreation and prevention activities.

**COVER PICTURES** Center: Jack Eriksen receives the Lee Lundberg Award. Clockwise from upper left: Rob Gerig accepts membership award for Delta Sierra section. President Gil and New President Shirley; This time Rob gets the service award; Ellen Thompson is Bay Section's award winner; Tom Black is San Joaquin's honoree; Frank Boehler takes the honors for Southern Section

**CONFERENCE PICTURES** (Page 4) 1. Joe Brucia relaxes before the crowd; 2. The attendees enjoy the Fresno sunshine; 3. New Officers are installed; 4. President Galen Wright welcomes membership to the conference; 5. Darel Merten, one of several who received honorary life memberships; 6. John Gilroy has been a great help to CASCWA and to California students; 7. County Supt. Peter Mehas welcomes visitors to Fresno; 8. The attendees are attentive.



**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS  
OF CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE**

BAY SECTION



Presents .....

**"You Can Make a Difference"**

A training conference that will provide you with the information and examples that will empower you to be the driving force, the one who will "Make a difference" in successfully surmounting the many challenges of change, developing programs, and providing student support services

**WHEN AND WHERE**

April 28, 29, 30, 1999. Registration will open at 11:00 am, Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, with the first workshop starting at 1:00 pm.

The Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, located at the corner of Sutter and Mason streets, one block from Union Square, in downtown San Francisco.

**CONFERENCE WORKSHOP TOPICS PLANNED**

Conflict Resolution  
 Girls Issues - Girls in gangs, Violence and Abuse  
 Personal and Professional development  
 Targeted Truancy Grant Programs  
 STRS/PERS Financial, Retirement and Long Term Care Planning  
 SARB - Health and Human Services Partnership for Child Welfare & Attendance  
 Expulsions - General, 504's, Pitfalls and Challenges  
 Domestic Violence  
 Truancy  
 Cal-Works  
 Drug Awareness  
 Social Promotion/Retention  
 Resource Materials  
 Networking Sessions

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisors  
 Teachers  
 Counselors  
 Juvenile Officers  
 Probation Officers  
 School Resource Officers  
 Social Service Workers  
 Mental Health Counselors  
 School Nurses  
 Vice Principals  
 Psychologists



**PLANNED SCHEDULE****Wednesday, April 28:**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Registration  
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm - Conflict Resolution  
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm - Girls Issues  
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm - Presenters Forum  
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Presenters Reception

**Thursday, April 29:**

7:00 am - 7:45 am - Continental Breakfast  
8:00 am - 8:15 am - Opening Ceremonies  
8:15 am - 9:30 am - Keynote address  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Workshops  
12:00 am - 1:45 pm - Presidents Lunch  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Seminar Session A  
4 Breakout sessions  
3:15 pm - 4:30 pm - Seminar Session B  
5 Breakout sessions  
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm - CASCWA Section Meetings  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - President's Reception

**Friday, April 30:**

8:00 am - 10:00 am - Buffet Breakfast  
9:00 am - 10:00 am - Legislative Review  
10:00 am - 11:30 am - Cheryl Ward-Kaiser,  
Victim's Rights Activist and Juvenile Advocate  
"You Can Make a Difference"

**REGISTRATION**

Fill in the attached registration form and send it with payment to: CASCWA Conf.,  
Send to P.O. Box 14163, Fremont, CA 94539.

Registration Deadline: April 15, 1998

**FIRST 50 REGISTRATIONS WILL RECEIVE A FREE "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"  
VIDEO CASSETTE**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Call 1-800-562-7463. Give the hotel the conference reservation code (CSWA).  
Conference room rate is \$ 95.00 per night (available Sunday to Sunday).

Registration Deadline: April 15, 1998. CSWA rate will not be available after this date.

Space is limited, make your reservations early



**CASCWA 99 STATE CONFERENCE**  
**"You Can Make a Difference"**  
 April 28, 29, 30, 1999  
 Marines' Memorial Club, San Francisco

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District/Agency \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current CASCWA Member : Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ CASCWA Dues Enclosed: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

	By April 14	After April 14	Total
<b>CONFERENCE PACKAGE</b> – Includes all resource materials, Personal Development Seminar, entrance to all workshops. Continental breakfast, Lunch 2 Receptions, Buffet breakfast and entrance to all workshops.			
CASCWA Member	\$ 170.00	\$ 180.00	\$
Non Member	\$ 185.00	\$ 195.00	\$
CASCWA Retired/Student	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00	\$
<b>ONE DAY REGISTRATIONS</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> – Includes all resource materials, entrance to Wednesday Workshops and Presenters reception.			
CASCWA Member	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$
Non Member	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$
CASCWA Retired/Student	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$
<b>THURSDAY</b> – Includes all resource materials, Personal Development Seminar, Entrance to Thursday workshops, Continental breakfast, Lunch and Reception.			
CASCWA Member	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00	\$
Non Member	\$ 95.00	\$ 105.00	\$
CASCWA Retired/Student	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$
<b>FRIDAY</b> – Includes all resource materials, Legislative Symposium, Buffet Breakfast and "You Can Make a Difference" Speaker.			
CASCWA Member	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$
Non Member	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00	\$
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### JACK ERIKSEN

*Comments by Mark Michels, Southern Section President, at the CASCWA State Conference in Fresno, announcing the selection of Jack Eriksen as the 1998 recipient of CASCWA's most prestigious award.*

After graduating from USC, Jack Eriksen became a teacher in the Bakersfield School District. Subsequently, he was promoted to Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, where he devoted himself to assuring that the young children of migrant workers attended school.

After having shown an outstanding aptitude for attendance accounting, he was called to the California State Department of Education to serve as Field Services Consultant for Child Welfare and Attendance. Jack was THE department in those days. He was well known and highly respected throughout the state of California for his learned advice. He coauthored numerous pieces of legislation that are still a major part of the education code provisions we follow today.

After many years of service at the State Department of Education, Jack moved to the Los Angeles County Office of Education as a Consultant in Child Welfare and Attendance. He was the co-author (with Dale Ely) of the *California Laws Relating to Minors* and he continues to be the principal author of this indispensable publication. In his spare time, he has continued to author or co-author several other valuable CWA resources, such as *The Penal Code of California-Peace Officer's Abridged Handbook*, and *Laws for Psychotherapy*. At every CASCWA state conference, you can count on Jack Eriksen to be present making his books, knowledge, and experience available to another generation of professionals.

Jack Eriksen has served as President of Southern Section CASCWA and has been the recipient of the Section Outstanding Service Award. Since he is universally acknowledged as a GIANT in CWA in the State of California, it is only fitting that he be named the 1998 recipient of the Lee Lundberg Outstanding Service Award. This CASCWA award is the appropriate recognition for Jack Eriksen's lifetime achievement in the field of Child Welfare and Attendance.



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## CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

*Submitted by Cecil Munsey, Ph.D.,  
San Diego County Office of Education*

"California's public schools are continuing to reduce the dropout rate, which is welcome news for us all," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, as she released the latest dropout figures. The one-year statewide rate decreased from 3.9% in 199@96 to 3.3% in 1996-97.

Eastin said, "In the last decade, we can be proud of the gains we have made cutting the percentage of high school dropouts by more than half. Yet we still need to do more to reduce the number of dropouts - over 51,500 students- particularly because the one-year rate carried out over four years means that one out of seven freshmen will not graduate from high school with his/ her class."

The statewide rate includes students who drop out in 9th through 12th grades, we well as students who drop out over the summer and those who drop out of continuation or alternative education programs.

Eastin continued, "The declining dropout rate reinforces the notion that we can increase standards and call for high graduation requirements -, there is no evidence that when we raise expectations, more students drop out. Students want to be challenged; they realize that they need to have the knowledge and skills required to be successful in the future."

"More than 90% of new jobs will require some sort of post secondary training, although not necessarily a college education. Students who drop out of high school are less likely to be qualified for the advanced technical training that the 21 st century demands."

California schools have been reducing their dropout rates by offering alternative educational programs to students at risk of failure. These programs provide students with individualized learning options and allow the students to finish their high school studies through alternative means.

A copy of the news release and dropout data for grades 9 through 12 can be retrieved electronically and downloaded on a computer in two different ways:

(1) Access the data through the Internet after 8:00 a.m., May 29, on the California Department of Education's web site at- <[http:// www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)>

(2) Call the Educational Demographics Bulletin Board at (916) 327-0194.

Your computer will display instructions, and the dropout data will be easy to locate.



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