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YES ? NO

**AIDS - The Single Most Important Issue
Facing Educators in the Last Century**

E d i t o r i a l

AIDS, an issue that is not only controversial but also moral and ethical, is causing school districts throughout the United States to adopt policies whether to allow a child with AIDS to attend public schools.

The moral and ethical questions is whether or not a school district can legally deny a pupil the right to attend school because he or she has a disease that was first identified by health officials in the U.S. in 1981 and of which little is known.

At first it was thought that only male homosexual men (about 70%) were carriers of the disease acquired through sexual contact, but we now know that both male and female adults can be carriers of the disease and also children.

Researchers believe that AIDS is caused by a virus that damages one immune system which leaves one vulnerable to other diseases. They know that AIDS is spread through blood-to-blood contact which could come in the form of blood transfusions, artificial insemination of sperms in women, from doners who carried the virus, using dirty needles for drug injections and some sex practices.

AIDS is life threatening. Treatment of the disease consists of widely used practices to treat whatever illness the patient develops such as a type of pneumonia that some non-AIDS patients get on rare occasions and other sicknesses that are not unique to AIDS victims.

If doctors state that no one who has provided medical service to AID patients has developed the disease from that close contact, and that simply being near an AIDS patient isn't dangerous, then why are we educators so reluctant to develop a policy which addresses pupil's with AIDS attending public school? We know that for every apparent case of AIDS in the schools, there are ten more who have the virus but aren't sick. We can not identify these children because they aren't infecting others.

How can the Carmel Unified School District in good faith deny an 8-year old pupil, who became a victim of acquired immune deficiency syndrome due to a blood problem called hemophila, the right to attend school? If AIDS today - then what tomorrow?

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 28, 1985, MEETING
of the
STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on Friday, June 28, 1985 at the Downtown Plaza Building by President Jake Colburn at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance: Jake Colburn, Jim Pierce, Mary Weaver, Sharon Rohrke, Willie Williams and Fern Williams.

Introduction: Willie Williams was introduced as the new president of Bay Section.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 30 were approved as written.

Correspondence: Jake Colburn presented a brief regarding suit on the "right to safe schools" in which CASCWA was shown to be in support of the State of California. He also shared correspondence from California Counseling and Development which will incorporate presidents of each service specialist organization such as counselors, nurses, psychologists, etc.

Executive Board Appointments: The following individuals were approved to serve on the Executive Board for the 1985-86 school year with discussion as to the responsibilities of the Professional Standards and Research Committee which is responsible for developing position papers:

Public Relations/Intercom Editor	Francis Tucker
CWA Handbook Editor	Steve Gocke
SARB Chairperson	Shirl Smidt
Legislative Chairperson	Lee Lundberg
Professional Standard & Research Chairperson	Jean Stovall
Retired Members Chairperson	Bill Ruth
State Agency Liaison	Bob Bennett

State Conference Schedule: The Executive Board approved the following conference schedule:

Fall, 1985	San Joaquin
Spring, 1986	Delta/Sierra
Fall, 1986	Bay Section
Spring, 1987	Northern Section
Fall, 1987	Southern Section

CWA Handbook: The Executive Board congratulated Ruth Battle and her committee for an outstanding effort in completing the handbook and approved a check for \$1,692 to be given to Mr. Steve Miller at the completion of the design notebook (400 - 3" vinyl back 3 ring binders, letter of organization printed black/red, logo). Much discussion was held regarding financing the cost of the handbook. It was estimated the cost for the handbook will be \$4.00 for the binder, \$2.60 for the inserts, a minimum of \$5.00 per handbook for printing, making a total of \$11.60. The Board approved the sale of the handbooks for active members at \$12.50, \$25.00 for associate members, and \$30 for non-members and institutional and other agencies.

August Executive Board Meeting: President Jake Colburn ask each section president to bring the following information to the August board meeting which was held in Sacramento at the Office of the Attorney General.

1. A list of section officers and chairperson, including addresses and phone numbers.
2. Dates for section meetings and workshops during the 1985-86 school year.
3. A complete list of proposed memberships, which would include membership lists for the last three years. (The purpose of these lists is to increase membership in the organization.)
4. A list (including names and addresses) of all new personnel to Child Welfare and Attendance in your area. This can usually be obtained from the County Office or by contacting each of the districts in your section. (This would include V.P.'s, A.P.'s and Deans).

CASCWA Goals for 1985-86:

1. Increase membership (top priority)
2. Develop quality indicators of effective CWA services much like a self-assessment tool procedure to evaluate program and student services.
3. Develop training techniques to assist CWA personnel in selling their ideas (or getting through the bureaucracy).

Sharon Rohrke was asked to do a presentation at the October Conference on "Selling Your Ideas" or "Getting Through the Bureaucracy."

Brainstorming: Jim Pierce was asked to draft a resolution to be presented at the August 21st Board Meeting on how the lottery monies should be used, and to draft a letter to be sent to superintendents around the state regarding this issue.

General Information: Jake Colburn reported that the newly formed Northern Section already has 31 members and is still growing.

Vice President Jim Pierce presented a draft of the revised Constitution and By-Laws to include honorary members.

Ruth Battle gave the names and addresses of the Southern Section Executive Board along with their schedule of meetings for 1985-86.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1985, MEETING
of the
STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 5, 1985 in the Room 207 of the Attorney General's Office, Sacramento, by President Jake Colburn at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of June 28, 1985 were approved as written.

Correspondence: Jake Colburn stated he sent correspondence indicating acceptance to the California Counseling and Development group, consisting of specialist organizations such as counselors, nurses, psychologists, etc.

President's Report: At the Fall Conference each Section will be responsible for a portion of the evening's entertainment on Thursday, October 24. Each Section is to contact Al Baum (209) 488-3323 or (209) 435-1738 with their entertainment for the evening.

Vice President's Report: Jim Pierce shared a flyer to promote membership for the organization. A copy of this flyer should be given to each membership chairman for distribution.

Jim Pierce gave us a letter of resignation as Vice President of CASCWA, effective September 5. Jake Colburn appointed Francis Tucker to be the new Vice President and the Executive Board voted to approve this appointment.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Weaver was in Europe and Dale Turner presented the Treasurer's Report as of 9/4/85, stating there was a balance of \$2,712.30.

Immediate Past President's Report: Richard Davis gave a Nominations and Elections Committee Report as follows:

- I. Nominations and Elections Committee for 1985-86:
 - Richard C. Davis - Chairperson
 - Adrian Cibilich - Bay Section
 - Jack Erickson - Southern Section
 - Ruben Rodriquez - San Joaquin
 - William McMillian - Delta/Sierra

- II. Fall Meeting - Fresno, Calif. - Wednesday, 10/23/85
State Executive should be prepared to:
 - A. Vote on single, double, or multiple slate
 - B. Recommend or nominate individuals for office - 1986-87
 1. Past President - from San Joaquin Section
 2. President - from Bay Section
 3. Vice President - from Southern Section
 4. Secretary - from Delta/Sierra Section
 5. Treasurer - from Northern Section

- III. At the winter board meeting, February 1986, a slate of candidates will be presented for review and approval.

- IV. On or before Friday, March 14, 1986, the association's secretary will mail out ballots to each active member paid up as of February 1, 1986.

- V. Richard Davis stated that each section president is responsible for notifying the immediate past president of any section members who qualify for honorary life membership.

INTERCOM Editor and Public Relations: Francis Tucker asked each section to send articles to him immediately so that he could get the first edition of the INTERCOM to the members.

Legislation: Lee Lundberg was not present.

SARB: Jake Colburn indicated that the first issue of the SARB Bulletin will be out in November and that Shirl Smidt will be responsible for getting this out.

Professional Standards and Research: Jean Stovall gave out a copy of 7 position papers that the Board approved last year.

Consultant Reports: Lanny Barry gave information regarding the School Partnership Resource Cadre and indicated that this informatin should be put into the INTERCOM.

Office of the Attorney General/Crime Prevention Center: Nancy Pompeii indicated that SB 1394 - School Safety - would establish the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985 designed to encourage school districts, county offices of education, and law enforcement agencies to develop and implement interagency strategies, programs, and activities which will improve school attendance and reduce the rates of school crime and vandalism.

Old Business: Jake Colburn indicated that Mary Weaver will be doing a presentation on quality indicators at the Fresno conference.

Jake Colburn indicated that Plan A for the State Conference Schedule is approved as follows:

Fall, 1985	San Joaquin
Spring, 1986	Delta/Sierra
Fall, 1986	Bay Section
Spring, 1987	Northern Section
Fall, 1987	Southern Section

The Executive Board feels that all of its members should plan to stay for the entire Executive Board meeting in the future

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



LEGISLATION



- SB786** Hart (and others), D-Santa Barbara. (916)445-5405
Would have made numerous changes in laws affecting general education and special education. Passed legislature, then vetoed by Governor Deukmejian September 28.
- AB 3632** Brown, Willie (and others), D-San Francisco. (916)445-8077
(1) Specifies the responsibilities of various state agencies for the provision of services for handicapped students. (2) Establishes a procedure to determine if an appropriate special ed program is available before a child is placed in a residential facility. (3) Says that whenever a community care facility may be used to house a handicapped child, the State Department of Social Services shall, prior to licensing or permitting expansion, consult the administrator of the special education local plan area to consider the impact that would be made on local education agencies. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian September 30. Chapter 1747, Statues of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 1128** Hart, D-Santa Barbara. (916) 445-5405.
Would have granted a cost-of-living increase for the state's public schools. Passed legislature, then vetoed by Governor Deukmejian July 11.
- SB 2282** Deddeh, D-Chula Vista. (916) 445-6767
Would have revised how funding for juvenile court schools is computed. Passed legislature, then vetoed by Governor Deukmejian September 29.
- SB 890** Seymour (and others), R-Anaheim. (916) 445-4264
Would set up pilot treatment projects for juveniles made wards of the court for committing certain sex offenses. Would not apply to wards committed to the Youth Authority.
- AB 1619** Clute, D-Riverside. (916) 445-5416
Authorizes the suspension or expulsion of a student for knowingly receiving stolen school property or private property. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian March 1. Chapter 23, Statues of 1984.
- AB 2480** Sher (and others), D-Mountain View. (916) 445-7632
Current law provides for a greater penalty than usual for assault and battery when the violence is committed against certain persons (such as teachers) on school property. This bill applies the increased penalties when the victim is any person on school property. It also increases the penalties for assault or battery against school transportation workers. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian July 17. Chapter 483, Statues of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 2549** Costa, D-Fresno. (916) 445-7558
Increases from \$5000 to \$7500 parental liability for injury or damages caused by the parent's child at school. The same limits apply to any reward paid concernng the damages. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian September 7. Chapter 948, Statues of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.

- AB 3151** Sebastiani (and others), R-Sonoma. (916) 445-8102
Adds the unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia as a cause for which a pupil may be suspended or expelled from school. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian July 17. Chapter 536, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 3904** Wright, R-Simi Valley. (916) 445-7676
Authorizes public school peace officers to seize specified weapons that are not allowed on school grounds. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian July 10, 1984. Chapter 339, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 2484** La Follette (and others), R-Northridge. (916) 445-8366
Makes it a misdemeanor for certain "outsiders" to fail to promptly leave school grounds after being told to do so by the principal or a school security officer. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian July 11. Chapter 395, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 1260** Seymour, R-Anaheim. (916) 445-4264
Would rewrite state procedures for the suspension or expulsion from school of children in special education programs. Disciplinary procedures that apply to public school principals also would apply to the site principals of nonpublic, nonsectarian schools.
- SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 83** Presley, D-Riverside (916) 445-9781
Provides for a pilot program to be implemented in all school districts during the 1984-85 school year to reduce runaways and abductions, as well as to help identify and recover missing children. Program components include (1) distributing information supplied by parents about their missing children, (2) tightening school procedures when a new child enrolls without complete school records, (3) providing certain types of crisis information and (4) working with other agencies to develop a voluntary child fingerprinting program. Passed legislature, then enrolled July 9. Res. Chapter 120, Statutes of 1984.
- AB 2725** Waters, Maxine (and Stiern), D-Los Angeles. (916) 445-2363
Requires school boards to provide the use of school facilities to non-profit organizations and clubs or organizations designed to promote youth and school activities free of charge. Passed legislature March 8, then approved by Governor Deukmejian March 21. Chapter 49, Statutes of 1984. Took effect immediately as an "urgency" statute.
- SB 401** Lockyer, D-Hayward. (916) 445-6671
Current law authorizes a juvenile court services of psychiatrists, psychologists "or other clinical experts" as needed to determine the treatment needed by a child who may be made a ward of the court. This bill would add dentists, optometrists, audiologists, physicians and surgeons to the list of authorized clinical experts.
- AB 2698** Klehs (and Vicencia), D-San Leandro. (916) 445-8160
Says that a school official does not have to notify a parent when releasing a child to a peace officer because of suspected child abuse. Allows the officer not to tell the parents where the child is being kept for up to 24 hours if he or she feels that telling the parents earlier would endanger the child. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian September 30. Chapter 1712, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.

- AB 2708** Vicencia (and others), D-Bellflower. (916) 445-7486
Allows an officer who has taken a child into custody because the child may be made a dependent of the court to refuse to tell the parents where the child is being held if there is a reasonable belief that such notification would endanger the child. Also authorizes child protective agencies and the district attorney to inspect documents filed in a juvenile court proceeding. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian.
- AB 3260** Brown, Willie, D-San Francisco. (916) 445-8077
Among other provisions, this bill deletes a provision in current law that says it is excusable homicide when someone kills a child while "lawfully correcting" the child. (It leaves intact a provision in the law that says homicide is excusable "in doing any ... lawful act by lawful means, with usual and ordinary caution, and without any unlawful intent.") Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian July 11. Chapter 438, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 968** Richardson (and others), R-Glendora. (916) 445-3688
Tightens up child sexual abuse laws; includes provisions prohibiting the use of persons under 17 in obscene materials. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian September 26. Chapter 1489, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 1678** McCorquodale, D-San Jose. (916) 445-3104
Prohibits the imprisonment or confinement of a victim of sexual assault for contempt of court when the contempt consists of refusing to testify concerning the sexual assault. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian September 30. Chapter 1644, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 2123** Marks, R-San Francisco. (916) 445-1412
Authorizes a county social worker to take a child into temporary custody, without a warrant, when he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the child is (1) in need of parental care or control, (2) destitute, (3) not provided with the necessities of life or (4) without a suitable place to live. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian September 29. Chapter 1611, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 2248** Moore, D-Los Angeles. (916) 445-8800
Lowers the minimum fine for minors purchasing an alcoholic beverage from \$200 to \$100. Allows, instead of a fine, a specified number of hours of community service. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian July 11, 1984. Chapter 403, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 2481** Connelly (and others), D-Sacramento. (916) 445-7807
Requires a juvenile court to notify school officials when a minor is found guilty of a serious act of violence, narcotics violations or one of other specified offenses. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian September 11. Chapter 1011, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- AB 2756** Peace (and Nolan), D-Chula Vista. (916) 445-7556
Redefines the statement of the purpose of the Juvenile Court Law to emphasize punishment (consistent with rehabilitative objectives) as an appropriate response to delinquent conduct. Also reaffirms the duty of a parent to financially support a child when the child is (1) made a ward of the court because of delinquent behavior and (2) is removed from the parent's custody. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukemejian August 24. Chapter 756, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.

- SB 1411** Royce (and Moore), R-Garden Grove. (916) 445-5831
 Allows courts to suspend or restrict the driving privilege of a minor driver who commits specified crimes such as possessing alcohol or drugs while operating a vehicle. Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian August 16. Chapter 658, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.
- SB 1732** Rosenthal, D-Los Angeles. (916) 445-7928
 Current law allows a child who has run away from home to be made a ward of the juvenile court. This bill would have said, instead, that such a child could be made a dependent of the juvenile court. Died in Senate.
- AB 3729** Nolan, R-Glendale. (916) 445-8364
 Would have allowed a minor taken into custody for truancy or habitual disobedience to be held in a secure facility for 72 hours for services such as testing, parent-child conferences and referrals. Also would have authorized up to 30 days of confinement in juvenile hall if such a minor failed to participate satisfactorily in these services. Died in assembly.
- AB 3936** Vasconcellos, D-San Jose. (916) 445-4253
 Requires the Departments of the Youth Authority and Corrections to implement innovative individualized education programs in juvenile halls, the Youth Authority and prisons (if computer hardware, software and technical assistance is donated). Passed legislature, then approved by Governor Deukmejian September 25. Chapter 1478, Statutes of 1984. Will take effect January 1, 1985.



LETTER to SENATORS from LEE LUNDBERG dated August 20, 1985

The following letter was sent to Senators Bradley, Dodd, Kennedy, Pell, Specter, and Stafford:

Dear Senator:

The California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance have been working very closely with local and state agencies and Legislators to address the issues you have identified in your Dropout Prevention and Re-Entry Act of 1985. As Legislative Chairman of our State Association, I would like to offer our Association's support and availability to provide research and data to assist you in passing and implementing this significant piece of legislation. The dropout rate is a very serious problem in California and needs to be addressed by a coalition of local state and federal agencies in cooperation with school district's

Please contact my office at (415) 577-3010 if you have any questions regarding recent efforts in the state of California to identify and reduce the dropouts from schools.

Sincerely, LEE LUNDBERG, Chairman, Legislative Committee

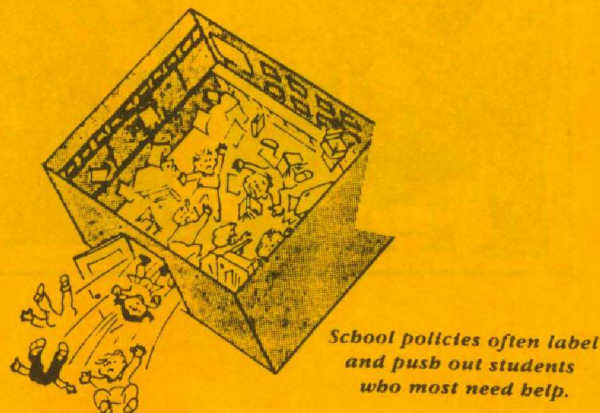
LETTER to ASSEMBLYMAN BILL LEONARD from LEE LUNDBERG dated May 28, 1985

Dear Assemblyman Leonard:

Thank you for taking the initiative to convene the significant players in the status offender problems in the State of California. I felt the leadership you and Judge Morris provided was really exemplary. Our organization wants to personally thank you for the effort you are making in this area and we will continue to support your efforts in working with your staff member, Joan Christiansen. I think the suggestions approved by all members at that meeting would have the makings of an excellent bill for your sponsorship next year. Please count on our organization to be part of the coalition to get at the "bottom line" issue in enforcing compulsory education laws in the State of California.

Thanks again for your leadership.

Sincerely, LEE LUNDBERG, Chairman, Legislative Committee





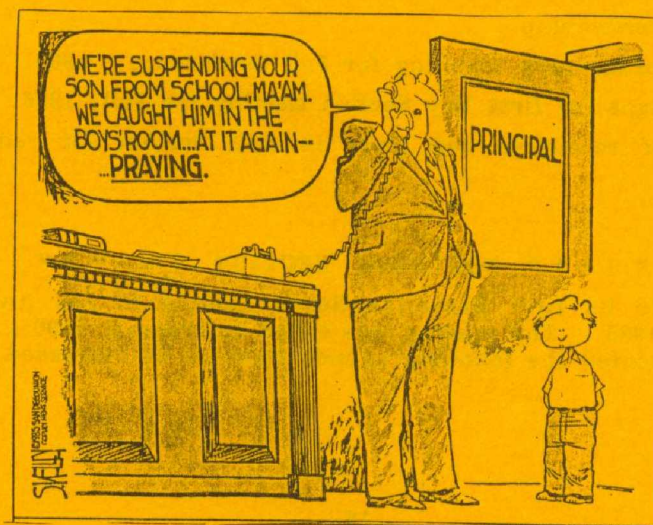
**TEHAMA COUNTY SARB:
"A NEW APPROACH TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & REVIEW BOARD"**

Tehama County has taken an innovated step in making their SARB more effective in dealing with truants and non-cooperative parents by establishing a SARB Investigators position and filling it with a law enforcement officer through the district attorney's office.

The funding for the SARB investigator position is provided jointly by the county superintendent of schools and the local school districts on a pro-rated basis. It is expected to be fully cost-effective as districts increase their average daily attendance (ADA). This will of course increase their revenue. Additionally, it has proved cost-effective in reducing the time spent by administrators in dealing with particularly difficult cases. The law enforcement experience of the investigator enables the administrator to have a skilled resource available to advise and assist.

What has made the Tehama County program successful? County Superintendent of Schools, Louis J. Bosetti, attributes it to the teamwork of the schools and the public agencies. This was not something which developed overnight, but the joint meetings have made each agency and individual involved aware of the resources and restrictions under which the other operates. There can be little doubt but that having the investigator hired as a law enforcement officer through the district attorney's office has a decided impact. With the training and status of this individual, there can be little question that - with the police, sheriff, probation, district attorney or courts - any case brought to their attention has been properly prepared. This preparation, no matter how well done by someone else, still does not have the credibility and impact that it has when prepared by someone in the law enforcement community.

Undoubtedly there will be changes in the Tehama County operation of SARB and its investigator as time goes on. If the teamwork can be maintained along with the strong community support, there should be continuing improvement in school attendance.





SECTION HAPPENINGS

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Bay Section will hold its fall General Members luncheon at the H. S. Lordship's restaurant on the Berkley Marina in Berkeley, Calif. on Friday, OCT. 4, 1985. The Bay Section officers for 1985-86 are: President - Willie Williams; Vice President - Wanda Payton; Treasurer - Francis Tucker; Secretary - Bill Walker; and Past President - Adrian Cibilih. The following individuals will serve on committees: Legislative Committee - Angelo Madrigal; Planning Fall Conference 1986 - Wanda Payton; Membership - Francis Tucker; and Nominating Committee - Adrian Cibilih.

President Williams submitted the Bay Section schedule of meetings and goals for 1985-86.

Schedule of Meetings:

October 4, 1985	Executive Board/General Membership
October 23, 24, 25	State Conference, Fresno
January 24, 1986	Executive Board/General Membership
March 21	Conference Planning/Executive Board
May 1, 2, 3	State Conference, Sacramento
May 30	Final Meeting Executive Board/General Membership Installation of New officers

Goals for 1985-86:

1. Develop schedule of meetings and activities for 1985-86 school year (first meeting).
2. Increase membership.
3. Complete preliminary planning for Fall Conference - 1986.
4. Develop plans for first Bay Section meeting for Fall, 1986.
5. Sharing of resources and ideas in Bay Section for reducing truancy.

• • • • • SOUTHERN SECTION • • • • •

Southern Section held its first Executive Board meeting in Los Angeles County on Friday, August 23, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Ruth Battle who presented the following agenda items to be discussed:

1. The 1985-86 calendar
2. Report on State Executive Board Meeting
3. C.W.A. Handbook to be given at the Fall Conference with registration.
4. Membership
5. Goals for 1985-86 as follows:
 - a. develop close association with ACSA
 - b. increase membership
 - c. provide greater exposure of CASCWA by providing a workshop for CWA personnel
6. Southern Section workshop tentatively set for January 24, 1986 at the Pacifica Hotel in Culver City.
7. Pins and buttons to be sold at the October conference.

Schedule of Meetings:

Sept. 20, 1985	Los Angeles County - Pacifica Hotel
Oct. 18	Santa Barbara
Oct. 23, 24, 25	Fresno - Conference Dates
Nov. 15	Lancaster
December	NO MEETING
Jan. 24, 1986	Pacifica Hotel - Culver City All day workshop for total membership
Feb. 21	San Diego
March 21	Oxnard/Venture County
April 18	Imperial County
May 1, 2, 3	Conference Dates
June 20	Luncheon Meeting

• • • • • DELTA-SIERRA • • • • •

Dale Turner, elected president of Delta-Sierra Section for the 1985-86 school term, announced at the State Executive Board meeting in September 1985 "that due to the amount of increase in job responsibilities for the 1985-86 school year, she would not be able to serve in the capacity of President of Delta-Sierra Section and that the position will be filled at the next scheduled Delta-Sierra Section Executive Board meeting. Other officers in Delta-Sierra for the 1985-86 school year are: Vice President - William McMillian; Secretary/Treasurer - Roy Brasseco; Past President - Sid Wadley. The tentative chairpersons for 1985-86 are Rich Davis - Public Relations; Jim Mininci - CWA Handbook; Jim Rice - State SARB; Shari Lawson - Legislation; Margaret Jones - Professional Standards; Sid Wadley - Retired Membership; and Lanny Berry - State Department of Education Liaison.

Dale submitted the calendar of events for Delta-Sierra and announced that the spring State Conference will be held in Sacramento on May 1, 2, 3, 1986 at the Sacramento Inn.

Schedule of Meetings:

Sept. 20	Conference Planning - Executive Board
Oct. 17	Workshop - Juvenile Justice
Oct. 23, 24, 25	STATE Conference - Fresno
Nov. 8	Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 24, 1986	Executive Board Meeting
Feb. 21	Workshop for Section Members
March 14	Workshop for Section Members
April	Conference Committee to meet as needed
May 1, 2, 3	STATE Conference - Sacramento
June 2	End of Year Luncheon and Initiation of New Officers

NEWS ARTICLES



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Truants Can Be Locked Up, Court Rules

Juvenile Courts in California again have the right to lock up habitual truants who have disobeyed court orders to stay in school, the 5th District Court of Appeal in Fresno has ruled.

The divided opinion, which is expected to be appealed to the state Supreme Court, restores a power that the Legislature took away from the courts in 1977.

Previous court decisions have held that habitual truants cannot be incarcerated under criminal statutes, primarily because it is all but impossible to keep them away from juveniles accused or convicted of more serious offenses.

Concerns over young truants serving time alongside youthful robbers and rapists led the Legislature to generally ban the jailing of juveniles whose only offense is truancy.

In the test case upheld by the appellate court, Fresno Juvenile Court Referee William H. Sanderson last December sentenced a youth known only as Michael G. to two days in Juvenile Hall for ignoring an order to attend school.

Deputy Public Defender Jose Villareal, representing the youth, argued in appeals court that the law flatly prohibits incarceration.

Appeals Justice Hollis Best wrote that prohibiting the Juvenile Court from enforcing its orders "would completely undermine the dignity and authority of the court.

Justice Donald Franson concurred with Best, but Justice Pauline Hanson dissented. Hanson wrote that the Legislature clearly intended to prevent the jailing of truants, and that the Juvenile Courts have a wide range of less severe sanctions available.

Court Blocks Reporting Law On Sex, Kids

A state appeals court blocked enforcement Friday of a disputed state requirement that doctors, teachers and others report to authorities on all pregnancies, abortions and venereal disease treatment involving children under 14.

The reporting requirement, based on Attorney General John Van de Kamp's interpretation of state child abuse laws, is being challenged by family-planning groups and a number of doctors as a violation of children's rights to privacy and health care.

The 1st District Court of Appeal did not decide whether the requirement was valid but said the serious issues raised by the suit presented a "compelling need" to block enforcement statewide until the matter was resolved.

"Sensitive privacy rights may be implicated on a statewide basis by the attorney general's interpretation of the reporting law to apply to voluntary consensual sexual conduct," said Presiding Justice Harry Low in a two-page order. He noted that the law makes it a crime to fail to make the required reports.

Sex Ed Blasted

The Deukmejian administration's Office of Family Planning has developed a racist sex education program that "deliberately targets" minorities and seeks to keep their numbers down, a Hispanic group contended.

The 450-member organization, called Hispanics for Social Justice, said the office's "sex training" programs have focused on virtually all segments of Hispanic society, including migrant workers, young children, teen-agers, parents, the elderly and migrant workers.

The programs include contraceptive counseling and abortion information, aimed at reducing the numbers of Hispanics in order to cut their political clout, said Carmen Beatriz Bernal of San Diego, a spokeswoman for the group.

Survey Indicates Large Exodus of Teachers

A majority of teachers feel their views aren't being sought in shaping education reforms sweeping the country, and more than one in four say they are likely to quit the classroom within five years.

"Clearly, many teachers feel left out of the wave of reform," said Louis Harris, who conducted the second annual "Metropolitan Life Survey of The American Teacher."

Teachers are as opposed as ever to merit pay. And most are also leery of allowing school districts to hire non-certified persons as teachers.

Low salaries and poor working conditions were cited by nearly two-thirds of the 27 percent of teachers who said they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to leave the profession in five years.

More than half of all teachers surveyed said they had seriously considered leaving the profession for some other occupation.

"Teachers are telling the American public that education is headed for deep trouble unless teaching is treated as a true profession," said Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association.

Futrell and Albert Shanker, head of the rival teacher union, the American Federation of Teachers, were at a news conference at which the findings were released.

U.S. Senate Pushes Dropout Prevention

A bipartisan coalition of Northeastern senators introduced a \$50-million proposal to prevent high school dropouts.

The dropout rate has been estimated at about 25 percent annually, meaning about one million students drop out each year.

"By allowing so many youngsters to leave school early," said Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), one of the sponsors, "we are creating a deep division between those who have the necessary educational tools to contribute to our society and those who don't. This bill provides the means to prevent that division from becoming a permanent fixture on the American scene."

"The Dropout Prevention and Re-entry Act of 1985 would provide \$500,000 in the first year for a comprehensive study on dropouts. The rest of the money would be allocated to school districts according to their size and the severity of their dropout problems. Districts only will compete for funds against other districts with comparable numbers of students.

The bill also requires that at least 30 percent of each district's funds be spent on dropout prevention and another 30 percent on encouraging re-entry and completion of high school by former students.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) said job prospects for dropouts are "worse than bleak. Dropouts who are fortunate find their way to dead-end jobs. The unfortunate ones find their way to prison."

"Far Right' Blamed for School Censorship

Censorship in the nation's classrooms increased dramatically during the past school year, with much of the activity resulting from complaints initiated by "Far Rights" groups, a liberal lobbying organization contended.

School censorship incidents rose 37.7 percent in the 1984-85 school year over the previous year and 66.6 percent over the 1982-83 year, according to the third annual censorship report by People for the American Way. "This year, we are seeing a concerted effort to rid the schools of everything but the 3 Rs."

The report stated that less than 12 percent of reported censorship activity was sparked by the school personnel.

Teacher Arrested

A man nominated as teacher of the year was charged with impairing the morals of a minor after police seized from him 2,322 photographs of children and dozens of pairs of boys' underwear.

Roger E. Niland, 43, of Watertown was released on \$50,000 bond after appearing in Waterbury Superior Court.

Average American Teen-Ager Gets Lost in 'Shopping Mall High School,' Researchers Conclude

The average teen-ager gets lost in a "shopping mall high school" with a bloated curriculum that gives students lots of choice but little real learning, three education researchers concluded.

They painted a dismal picture of public high schools as places where many teachers share their charges' disdain for intellectual matters and mete out passing grades simply for being there.

Their book, "The Shopping Mall High School," concluded that the schools do a stellar job with "specialty shops" for students at the top and the bottom, but shortchange the great mass of students in the middle. The authors say "Students can do their own thing. In general, the customer is always right . . ."

"Schools have done a masterly job at selling the importance of high school attendance but have failed in the attempt to sell to most students the value of working hard to learn to use one's mind."

"In this consumer-oriented institution . . . you can get as much or as little as you choose," they said. "If you choose to buy little, the problem is yours, not the mall's . . . The mall wants your regular presence and your good behavior, and for that alone it will sell you a diploma."

"We do very well by the top track. We do very well for the special-needs kids and the trouble-makers, the kids at the bottom. But the kids in the middle - regular, average, normal, unspecial kids - get lost."

The biggest obstacle to change, he said, is "the enormous amount of satisfaction Americans have with a system that allows people who want to work hard and learn to do so, but also allows those who don't to quietly pass through, ignored, but still graduate."

The researchers found one school that took 65 typeset pages to describe its 400 available courses, and another that offered 480 courses.

"Many teachers . . . use student passivity as an excuse to cover up their own passivity, and most act as if they believe that the 'smarts' needed for life are not really taught in high school."

Is It Possible For Minorities To Be Majorities?

Yes. Research shows that minority students will be a majority of California's public school enrollment by 1990, ten years earlier than expected, educational researchers predict.

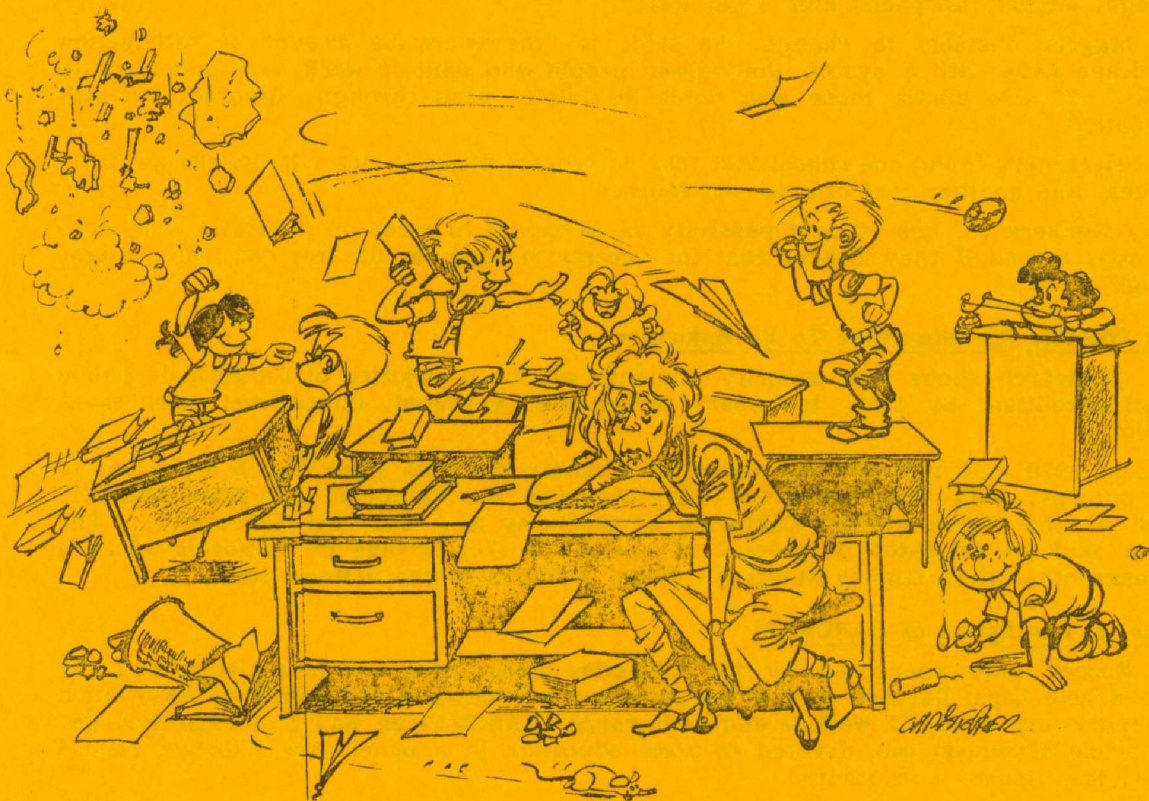
Between 1970 and 1980 the proportion of minority students grew by 15.6 percent to 42.9 percent, said the report by Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), based at the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University. The report said an estimated 23 percent of the 5- to 17-year-olds in California speak a language other than English at home - almost a fourth of the national total.

Judas In The Ranks of CASCWA??

The Moores were sponsored by the Christian Home Educators Association and the Home School Legal Defense Association to attend a meeting of the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (CASCWA) on May 1 at Palm Springs. The whole afternoon was devoted to home education in a panel with Attorney Michael Smith, Roy Hanson and others.

Though most members of CASCWA, often perceived to be hostile, were friendly and sympathetic, the Los Angeles County officials were pointedly clear about their position that home schooling is illegal in California and until the law is changed, they will not tolerate it.

A very encouraging letter of appreciation from the chairperson stated, "Thank you for your time and energy in preparing and presenting valuable information to us. Hopefully, all were revitalized by your taking the opportunity to share your expertise. You have helped to make a difference!" Another coordinator of the meeting wrote that the presentation was "thought-provoking, informative and enjoyable," and added, "Please be assured that the state leadership of CASCWA was favorably impressed by your efforts and I believe you have opened the door for further reasoned communication." Other favorable comments were made in person after the meeting. One particularly gratifying response was from a public school official who first read the Moore's materials published in 1972 and every one since, and has never sent his children to school.



SCHOOL/LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP CADRE
by Nancy Pompeii

In order to promote safe schools and improve the quality of education in California, Attorney General John K. Van de Kamp and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig established the School/Law Enforcement Partnership. An exciting program, and one of the first in the nation, it uses an interagency approach to promote safer schools, regular school attendance, and educational programs for better citizenship. These partnership approaches are based on the joint cooperation of law enforcement professionals, educators, parents, and community representatives. None of us can accomplish the whole job alone. It takes commitment and cooperation from all members of the youth-serving community to work together to keep students in school and to make the school environment a safe place for learning.

Technical assistance and resource materials for developing partnerships to improve school safety, attendance, and citizenship are available from a trained Cadre of educators and professionals from law enforcement and community organizations. I am happy to say that many CASCWA members participate in the Cadre. They and others throughout the state are available to assist you and your school district in the following areas: School Climate Improvement, Substance Abuse Prevention, Interagency Partnerships, Attendance Improvement, Effective SARBs, Dropout Prevention, Conflict Resolution, Truancy Reduction.

If you want more information about the School/Law Enforcement Partnership or would like to have a Cadre member contact you, call:

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R I G H T S O F P A R E N T S

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. John Hall and Sherri Hall, 455 A. 2d 674 (1983) concerned whether the defendant parents were guilty of four counts of truancy at a cost of \$2.00 per conviction. The Halls had taken their children on several week-long "educational trips" during the school year despite the fact that the district attendance policy allowed for only one trip per year, not to exceed five school days. Both the Court of Common Pleas and the Superior Court agreed that the district policy was reasonable, and had been applied in a consistent manner. The court wrote:

The parents' assertion of an unconditional right to take their children on multiple educational trips in contravention of school district policy is without foundation in logic or in law. Continuity in a course of study through requirements which reasonably compel regular school attendance is a matter of paramount importance to which the views of individual parents must yield.

Editor's Note: Maybe we educators in California who have a large enrollment of Mexican Americans in our schools could use this case to collect on those students we loose throughout the year who go to Mexico with their parents to visit relatives.

LEE LUNDBERG'S REBUTTAL ARTICLE that appeared in the KIWANIS CLUB MAGAZINE

KIDS IN JAIL: HOW SHOCKING?

A balanced perspective needs to be given regarding the article "Children in Jail: A Shocking Crime" (January). As an attendance supervisor, I have worked with status offenders for the past fifteen years. I am concerned about the treatment they receive, not only in California but nationwide.

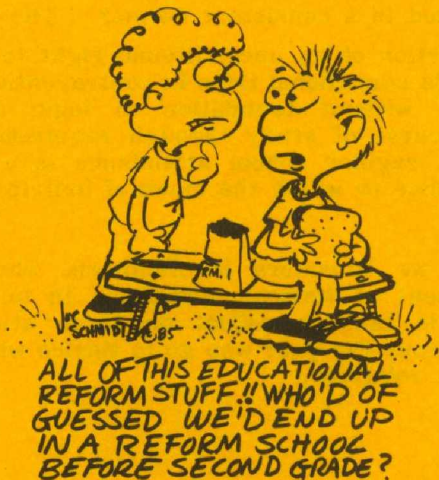
Runaways, incorrigibles, and truants have not been adequately served through our criminal-justice system, social services, community, and educational system. However, I think the article designating it "a shocking crime" to hold students accountable for their behavior and attendance at school is not a reality in most cases.

In California, the juvenile-justice system provides little or no service to those youngsters who are in violation of the state compulsory education laws. We know through research that the most common predictor of adjudicated youth is their poor school attendance. We need to have more service from the criminal-justice system rather than less service.

Alternatives to secure detention for status offenders is needed in most cases. However, there are times when students need to know there is a "bottom-line" accountability for their consistent refusal to cooperate with their parents, community, and school. By letting students avoid their responsibility to follow the reasonable directives of their parents and the school, we are not teaching them good citizenship.

The juvenile-justice system, including temporary, secure diagnostic detentions, is an important part of the total effort to provide counseling, restorative, and alternative programs to stop juveniles at the minor-offense level and not let it escalate to criminal offenses. Too often, the student only gets help after committing a criminal offense rather than addressing the status offense when it is less serious.

Although some students are potentially "damaged" by the system, this can be eliminated through careful screening and appropriate placement of status offenders. Our criminal-justice system can serve these youngsters if there is cooperation in developing programs and strategies to help them learn good citizenship and to lead productive lives.



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