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"Big 2007
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Congratulations:
Sherman Garnett,
Jerry Hime and
Jessie Cherri!

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan Treff

Alameda County Office of Education

CASCWA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD 2006 - 2007

CASCWA-COMING TO LONG BEACH! DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

Jan Treff, CASCWA State President

The holiday season is upon us once again – how time flies at the beginning of each new school year.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and am looking forward to the rest of the holiday festivities.

The second annual National Truancy Conference, hosted by Southern Section in October was yet another success and my thanks to those individuals who put so much work into the effort – Sherman Garnett, Jerry Hime and Jessie Cheri.



Southern Section is also busy finalizing details for the upcoming state conference in Long Beach, aboard the Queen Mary on April 23-25, 2008. For more details and registration forms, please go to our web site at www.CASCWA.org.

Be sure to make your hotel reservations early! The conference includes two academies – CWA 101 (beginners) and CWA 201 (advanced) on Wednesday, April 23 with a full schedule of breakout sessions and keynote speakers on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25.

Information about the Queen Mary, alternative conference area accommodations, airports, transportation, restaurants and attractions may be found on our website. I hope that everyone will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to network with colleagues from all over the state.

Not to be out done, Bay Section, Delta-Sierra, and San Joaquin sections are organizing their own winter workshops and details are also included at www.CASCWA.org. Please take advantage of our professional organization and the scheduled activities.

Again, let me wish you a very happy holiday season and prosperous New Year!

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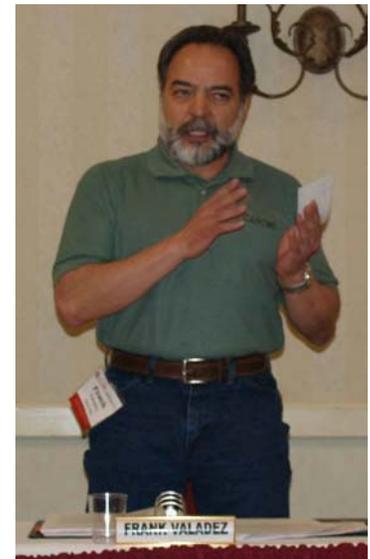
CASCWA'S MISSION STATEMENT

CASCWA is an organization comprised of school and community professionals who are dedicated to improving school climate, safety, and increasing school attendance. We create a network of professional support, mentors and educators and we influence relevant legislation and advocate for the needs of students, families and schools.

BAY SECTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Frank Valadez Gilroy Unified School District (408) 848-7137 fvaladez@gusd.k12.ca.us

Welcome to CASCWA – Bay Section. I am honored to be able to participate as a section president and part of the larger network of CASCWA officers throughout the State of California. It is my opportunity to give back to a unique organization that has provided me with unparalleled support throughout the years. With the efforts of our officers listed below and our general membership, I hope we can continue to solidify the team effort that has characterized our Bay Section, increase our membership, establish a professional working relationship between homeschooling organizations and public school systems and initiate changes in legislation pertaining to 1) The expeditious enrollment of new students 2) The excusing of absences for students participating in organized and sanctioned activities not related to a public school or district.

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DELTA-SIERRA SECTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Grace Espindola Sutter C.O.E. (530) 822-2418 grace@sutter.k12.ca.us



Welcome to all CASCWA members and non-members! I am extremely excited and honored to serve as the Delta-Sierra Section President for the next two years. I am also grateful to have the opportunity to work with colleagues who possess such a high caliber of knowledge, expertise, tradition and most of all their dedication and caring to serve our children and youth.

Yes, the above statement is true. Delta-Sierra Section has changed our elected official term to serve two years effective May 2007. Our Executive Board made this decision and change in order for our Section to be more in line with our State CASCWA Board elected official terms. In addition to this important change, our Delta-Sierra members are in the process of changing to improve and generate new energy and innovation on effective ideas, methods and reasons why our students would choose to stay in school. The following is a brief list of projects and topics we plan on delivering to our members this year.

Delta-Sierra Board makes the commitment to our members:

- Priority 1: To have an excess of funds to support our Richard C. Davis Scholarship
- Priority 2: To provide two workshops with the focus of Rigor, Relevance and Relationships
- Priority 3: To increase membership and excellence in the quality of service to our members
- Priority 4: To align with State CASCWA Board goals and strategies to our Sections
- Priority 5: To begin the planning of our 2009 State Conference

As your President, it is my promise to each of you to do my best and represent our CASCWA mission to the fullest. If you are considering to get involved and to give your time, I urge you to join us and BE part of CASCWA we certainly we love to have you.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BENITA WASHINGTON Fresno Unified School District bwashi@fresno.k12.ca.us

Greetings from the San Joaquin Section. I look forward to serving as the CASCWA San Joaquin section president for the 2007-2008 school-year. We will continue to provide professional development, increase membership and provide scholarships to students that were able to triumph through adversity. I feel very fortunate to be serving with some of the most exceptional men in our field. The leadership team is comprised of the following individuals:

- Bill Stewart – President Elect, Clovis Unified School District
- John Luis – Legislative Representative/Vice President, Newman-Crows Landing Unified
- John Christiansen – Treasurer, Ceres Unified
- Mike Robinson – Secretary, Fresno County Office of Education
- Tom Neeb – Past President
- Galen Wright – Scholarship Chairman, Madera Unified
- Art Williams – Legislative Representative, Central Unified School District
- Dennis Wiechman – Board Advisor
- Greg Bass – Board Advisor
- Joe Brucia – Board Advisor



We have four events planned for the year. We co-sponsored our first event with the Fresno Chapter Association of Black Social Workers. It was a seminar held at CSUF on October 5, 2007 entitled Disparities In Education: Closing the Achievement Gap for African American Students featuring Dr. Noma LeMoine. We had over 300 participants. It was a huge success. The second event was a workshop titled "The Power of Resiliency" featuring Bonnie Bernard that was held on October 19, 2007 at the Madera Golf Course. We were able to increase our membership by several members. The third event will be our Executive Board Retreat that will take place at Woolgrowers on January 19, 2008. Our final event will be our end of the year workshop and Scholarship Luncheon in May at the Madera Golf Course.

In closing, "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the daily small differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee." (Marion Wright Edelman, Child Advocate, Author)

SOUTHERN SECTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DR. VICTOR C. THOMPSON Director, Division of Student Support Services – L.A.C.O.E. (562) 922-6233 thompson_victor@lacoedu

Greetings to CASCWA Southern Section! What an awesome start to the 2007-08 school-year. I wish to thank Jerry Hime, Sherman Garnett, Jessie Cherri & all of our Southern Section Executive Board Members who made the 2nd Annual Western Regional Truancy Conference a huge success. Their hard work resulted in an outstanding conference for our membership. Southern Section was proud to host this conference for our State CASCWA & the National Truancy Prevention Association. Our Southern Section is also hosting our "Annual State Conference." This year it will be on the Queen Mary in Long Beach California in April of 2008. Conference Information is included in this edition of the Intercom. I wish to commend Mr. Rob Jacobsen for his leadership in bringing forward the conference strands and topics. In addition, Rob & the staff of LACOE will be presenting a workshop on all the new laws for 2008. This information will be placed in our next Southern Section CASCWA Connection which will be out to all CASCWA members in January of 2008. Things are going well in Southern Section, thank you CASCWA Southern Section!



FRANK VALADEZ BECOMES THE NEW BAY SECTION PRESIDENT A SPECIAL CASCWA "THANK YOU" TO FRANK VALADEZ



In August of 2007, the Intercom featured Mr. Frank Valadez of the Gilroy Unified School District.

Little did we know at that time that Mr. Tim Ervin, Bay Section President, would be taking a position as the administrator for Human Resources in the Newark Unified School District.

CASCWA wishes Tim the best in his future career and we wish to express our appreciation for making the recent State Conference in Napa Valley a huge success. We were also proud of the fact that his peers recognized Tim with the Bay Section 2007 CASCWA Service Award.



There are several members of the CASCWA Executive Board who are honored to know Frank Valadez. He has truly earned our respect over the year. We welcome him aboard and look forward to Bay Section's future accomplishments.

This edition of the Intercom is going out on December 1, 2007. Bay section has an excellent workshop scheduled in the next week. Below is a letter sent to the State SARB by Frank. On the next page, you will find specific workshop information. If you can make it to the workshop, take the time to welcome Frank and say hello!

Thanks, for sending this out David.

*Some of you may already know Steve Wolf, our presenter. He received some of the highest evaluations at our State Conference last year. I know Morgan Hill is a ways away for many of you but I encourage you to try to make the trip. Morgan Hill is ten minutes from Gilroy, which is getting to be known as a retail Mecca. Perhaps you would like to spend the night and do some holiday shopping on Saturday. Right after the conference, I will be inviting people to go to Guglielmo's Winery, which is three minutes away. The winery has a nice gift shop and will be set up for the holidays, with munchies and **free** wine tasting. This is a fun event and it would be great to get together with you for the holidays.*

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Winter Holiday Conference



“Internet Dangers on the World Wide Web” with Sergeant Steve Wolf

Late Registration Form - Deadline - December 4, 2007

Name: _____ Title: _____

District/Agency/School: _____

Address: _____, City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Purchase Orders Accepted - Number _____ Will Pay at Door

<p>Registration Fee: \$50 per person Includes continental breakfast and lunch</p> <p>Special Displays: <i>Off. Tom Messier - San Jose Police Department</i> Street Drug Expert – Paraphernalia <i>Robin Hamon – “Message You”</i> Use of Technology to Improve Communication <i>Symia Stigler – School Innovations & Advocacy</i></p>	<p>FAX Registration To: Cathy McConnell, Livermore Valley Joint USD FAX 925-606-3366 Phone: 925-606-3207</p> <p>For Information call: Frank Valadez: 408 848-7137 Cell: 408 426-7008</p>
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Directions: The Golden Oak Restaurant is located right off US Hwy 101 in Morgan Hill.

From the South on 101: Take US Hwy 101 north to the Tennant Ave exit. Turn right on Tennant. Make quick left onto Condit Rd. Arrive at 16695 Condit Rd., Morgan Hill

From the North on 101: Take US Hwy 101 south to the East Dunne Ave exit. Turn left on E. Dunne Ave. Make quick right on Condit Rd. Arrive at 16695 Condit Rd., Morgan Hill

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION MATERIALS

California New Laws for 2008

Each year, new legislation becomes law. The majority of the new laws take effect on January 1, 2008. Other laws are emergency legislation and take effect immediately. Legislative action is often complicated and many of our CASCWA members have waited for the Los Angeles County Office of Education to come out with their legislative update.

CASCWA intends to provide to our membership information on Key Bills in January of 2008. Information will also be available as to how to connect with LACOE.

Below you will find one law that will impact high school students as well as you and I. Enjoy this information and look forward to the January Edition of the Southern Section Connection.

California Passes Cell Phone Law Relevant Jurisdictions: Federal, California

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed legislation that prohibits the use of handheld mobile phones while driving in the state.

Effective July 1, 2008, the legislation prohibits drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the driver uses a hands-free device. Drivers who violate the law will face a base fine of \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense.

The law allows drivers to use a wireless telephone for emergency purposes, drivers of commercial vehicles to use push-to-talk phones until July 1, 2011, and allow drivers of emergency response vehicles to use a cell phone without a hands-free device.

California joins Connecticut, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, and some local jurisdictions in prohibiting the use of handheld mobile phones while driving.



California State Senator Darrell Steinberg Addresses CASCWA Membership at the 2nd Annual Western Regional Truancy Conference



California State Senator addressed the CASCWA Membership at the recent 2007 National Truancy Conference in Palm Springs, California. His message was powerful and reached home to all of our members.

Darrell Steinberg was elected on November 7, 2006 to the California State Senate, representing the 6th District, which includes the capital city of Sacramento, parts of Elk Grove and Citrus Heights. Steinberg is

the chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. He also serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Health Committee, the Environmental Quality Committee, the Appropriations Committee, the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources. Steinberg also chairs the Senate Select Committee on High School Graduation. In addition, Steinberg is a Senate appointee to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (chair), the Wildlife Conservation Board, the California Ocean Protection Council and the Legislative Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism (chair).

Prior to his election to the State Senate, Steinberg served three terms representing the 9th District of the State Assembly, which includes most of the capital city of Sacramento. He is the author and co-proponent of Proposition 63, the mental health initiative that was approved by more than 5.6 million California voters on November 2, 2004. Proposition 63 will finally fulfill the promise made by Governor Reagan in 1968 when California closed most of its mental hospitals and pledged to replace them with a community-based system of treatment, prevention and support services. It will generate more than \$1 billion per year in state and federal funds to establish mental health programs throughout the state based on the highly successful AB 34 and AB 2034 programs that Steinberg authored earlier.

Steinberg's hard work and dedication in the Assembly brought him an array of public recognition. He was honored in California Journal's biennial "Minnie Awards", which recognize legislators who represent "a pattern of conduct, an outlook and demeanor that exemplifies the best kind of public service". The nonpartisan magazine named Steinberg "Assembly member of the Year" for 2004 and also honored him as the Assembly's top member in the categories of integrity, best problem-solver, and hardest working. "No other member of either house was praised as often as Darrell Steinberg when it came to identifying those traits that make up the consummate legislator", wrote Journal Editor A. G. Block in the magazine's August, 2004, issue. "Most observers credited him with being in the thick of nearly every tough problem to come before the legislature over the past two years. He was cited repeatedly for his problem-solving abilities, quick intelligence, integrity and hard work. No other member so dominated the Minnies in his or her house."

In 2000, during his first term in office, Steinberg was a nearly unanimous choice for the magazine's "Rookie of the Year" award. In 2002, he was honored as the Assembly's best problem solver and the member with the most integrity. Steinberg was twice named Legislator of the Year by the California Psychiatric Association. Other Legislator of the Year awards include the California School Boards Association; California Federation of Teachers; Californians for Disability Rights; Girl Scout Councils of California; and the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association. Mr. Steinberg also received the outstanding Public Service Award from the California School Employees Association and the Phillip S. Tow Government Award (Clean Air Award) from the American Lung Association. During his tenure in the Assembly, Steinberg served as Chair of the Assembly Committees on Budget, Appropriations, Judiciary, Labor and Employment, and the Select Committee on High Priority Schools. He also served as a member of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committees.

Steinberg authored 70 state laws that cover a wide range of vital public policy issues. Conference attendees received copies of Senate Bills 219, 405 and 406. Each of the Bills were authored by Senator Steinberg.

SAVE THE DATE



DON'T MISS THE BOAT

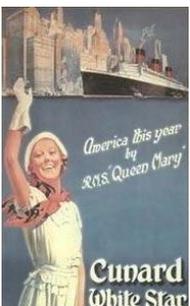
CASCWA'S 2008 STATE CONFERENCE

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA ON THE QUEEN MARY

Hosted by Southern Section

APRIL 23, 24, & 25, OF 2008

Mark your calendars early! The 2007-08 school year promises to be a defining moment in our state's educational history. This conference will deliver current information on issues impacting school districts throughout the state. The focus will target issues such as combating truancy and increasing ADA; the SARB process from site activity to prosecution; current legal issues; diversity, foster youth, suspension/expulsion process; maintenance of school records; the discipline process for special education students; important new and pending legislation; maximizing revenue from mandated costs; substance abuse programs for prevention and intervention; taking control and targeting gang activities and much more. The program is currently being put together and it looks promising. Once again, Wednesday, April 23, 2008, will be a "CWA Academy" for those new to the field or for those who want a refresher course! More information will soon be available at www.cascwa.org. Let's rock the boat in Long Beach next April!



2008 State CASCWA Conference



Priority Registration Form
 Wednesday, April 23 – Friday, April 25, 2008
 Historic RMS Queen Mary & Hotel
 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA 562-435-3511

Name _____ Business Phone _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

School District or Agency _____ Position / Title _____

E-mail _____

		Amount
1. Wednesday Pre-Conference Academy Registration (Either includes continental breakfast, lunch, plus complementary CASCWA membership) <input type="checkbox"/> A. CWA 101 Academy — OR — <input type="checkbox"/> B. CWA 201 Academy Check Selection _____ Additional Lunch for guest _____	\$ 155	
2. Thursday & Friday Conference Registration (Includes continental breakfast, lunch, complementary CASCWA Membership, Intercom Subscription, & President's Reception) _____ Additional Lunch for guest _____	\$ 215	
3. COMBO PAK – Pre-Conference Academy & Conference Registration (1 & 2) BEST DEAL!	\$ 275	
4. COMBO PAK – GROUP – Group discount sending 5 or more registration forms from same district & sent in together. BEST GROUP DEAL!	\$ 225	
5. Conference Registration for Retirees (<i>includes</i> CASCWA Membership) _____ Additional Lunch for guest _____	\$ 75	
6. Conference Registration <i>without</i> CASCWA Membership (Thursday & Friday) _____ Additional Lunch for guest _____	\$ 250	
7. Thursday only Conference Registration <i>without</i> CASCWA Membership (Includes continental breakfast, lunch) _____ Additional Lunch for guest _____	\$ 165	
8. Friday only Conference Registration <i>without</i> CASCWA Membership (Includes continental breakfast)	\$140	

I would like to request a vegetarian lunch on ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday

Registration fee must accompany this form.

Purchase Orders will be accepted for registration.

This conference is an authorized expenditure of School Safety, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Title I, Title VI, and SIP Funds

10. Total Amount Due

No purchase orders or refunds (substitutions only) after March 14, 2008

Make check payable to: CASCWA Mail to: Laura Castellon LACOE, DSSS, ECC 3236 9300 Imperial Hwy. Downey, CA 90242 652-922-6247	Host Hotel Reservations (Limited Number of Rooms) QUEEN MARY HOTEL 562-435-3511 or 800-437-2934 Room rates: \$110 for single or double occupancy (plus 15% tax), Includes breakfast voucher Rates guaranteed thru March 23 ~ Parking is \$10 daily
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September 18, 2007

Dear School Attendance Review Board Chairpersons:

MODEL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2007-08

I invite you to participate in the Model School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Recognition Program sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE) in cooperation with the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (CASCWA).

The Model SARB Recognition Program identifies and recognizes outstanding results-based school attendance improvement programs and creates a resource list of quality programs for dropout reduction. These model programs provide comprehensive services to high-risk youth with persistent school attendance or school behavior problems through the use of exemplary dropout intervention services as well as referrals to counseling, to alternative education placement, or to law enforcement. The CDE encourages SARBs that meet the eligibility criteria to submit an application to the Model SARB Recognition Program.

The self-nomination application for the Model SARB Recognition Program for 2007-08 is available on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb>. Awards will be given for outstanding programs in particular content areas as well as programs which are exemplary in all content areas. Three letters of support must be included with the application. The letters of support can be written by parents who have participated in SARB meetings, community SARB members, or others familiar with the effectiveness of the program.

We will recognize and present awards to successful Model SARB Recognition Program applicants at the annual CASCWA conference in April 2008 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

If you have questions regarding this subject, please contact David Kopperud, Education Programs Consultant, Counseling, Student Support, and Service-Learning Office, at (916) 323-1028 or by e-mail at dkopperud@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]

Anthony Monreal, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction Branch

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The Model SARB Recognition Application is now available from the CDE SARB Web page:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/>

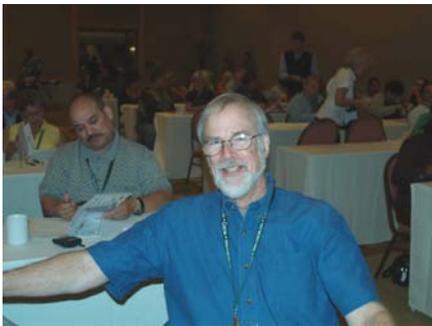
To go to the Model SARB Recognition Application directly, go to
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/documents/modelrecognition.doc>

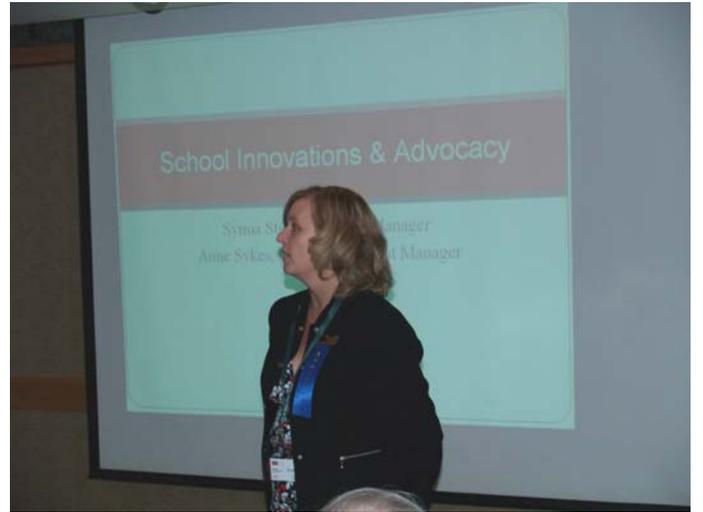
To go the Letter of Invitation to Apply signed by the Deputy Superintendent of the California Department of Education, go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb/modelrecogltr.asp>

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES OF THE 2ND ANNUAL WESTERN REGIONAL TRUANCY CONFERENCE!







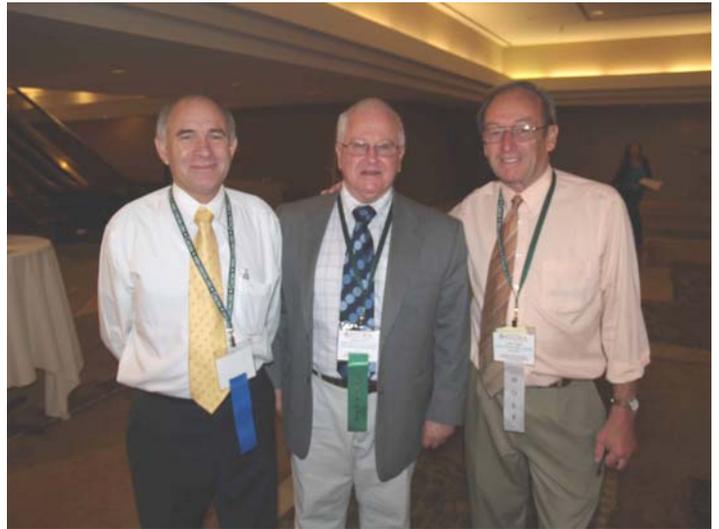












SCHOOL INNOVATIONS & ADVOCACY NEW SOLUTIONS FOR EDUCATION



School Innovations & Advocacy continues to be a major supporter of CASCWA and our State Conferences. This year will be no exception. CASCWA thanks SIA for their sponsorship at the recent “2ND ANNUAL WESTERN REGIONAL TRUANCY PREVENTION CONFERENCE” – October 10-12, 2007 at Hotel Zoso, Palm Springs California.

SIA serves more school districts in the State of California than any other organization of it's kind. They are a strong supporter of the efforts of CASCWA and have been our partners in several endeavors. If your district is not already involved with SIA, please take the time to visit their website at <http://www.sia-us.com/>

DEBBIE MORRIS BRINGS FORTH THE BEST OF “ASK THE EXPERTS”

Debbie Morris is the Director Student Services/Principal CDS of the North Sacramento School District. Debbie is the past president of the Delta Section and a past “State CASCWA President.”

She is a special lady and is personally responsible for many of the positive accomplishments of CASCWA over the past few years. Several years ago, Joe Taylor and Sherman Garnett put together a link on CASCWA’s website called “Ask the Expert.” Debbie has put together a few of the Q & A’s that have recently been posted. She wants you to enjoy the information and encourages all of our members to go to www.cascwa.org and use this link to share critical information our field.



Is annual renewal of interdistrict permits a requirement? What are the current laws regarding the Allen Bill?

The Allen Bill is found in Education Code 48204 and is an alternative residency provision. The district would adopt a resolution allowing establishment of residency through parent employment. Once accepted the student may remain so long as the person still works within the district.

Interdistrict permits issued under Education Code 46600 et seq. are given for periods specified by the sending and receiving school districts. See Section 46600. General practice is renewal year to year. Section 46601.5 encouraged districts to automatically renew permits based on child care but that law repealed this past year. Follow ed code 48432.5. You are perfectly within your rights to transfer to a continuation if the student is 16 and you have followed the outlined procedures.

Please advise me in regards to whether air-soft pistols, or pellet guns, constitute a "firearm" under the mandatory expulsion category. There is discussion about these also being considered dangerous objects, which would be discretionary offenses.

Air soft guns or pistols could constitute an "imitation firearm" See 48900(m). Regardless, they are dangerous objects (48900(b)& 48915(a)) which mandates a recommendation for expulsion unless the principal feels that expulsion is inappropriate due to the particular circumstance.

Do we need to continue with an expulsion hearing even though the student was a 4th year Senior and they have left the town?

Yes, you need to continue with the expulsion hearing

The dad has requested a number of witnesses, district employees and/or parents and their students that he wants to question. We have notified them and asked them to attend, all are declining, they do not want to be involved.

Dad has the right to **request** subpoenas for percipient witnesses and/or he can bring his own witnesses. Your district can either approve or deny his request based upon your district policy

The student witnesses are scared of repercussions and their parents are protective of their children. What is our obligation to "provide" witnesses if they choose not to attend?

Regarding the student witnesses, a sworn declaration can be used, in lieu of the student testifying in person. See EC 48918(f) for specific details.

In Ed. Code 48263 it discusses that you may refer a student to SARB for irregular attendance. It further states that it defines "irregular attendance" in that article. However, I cannot find where it is defined. What is the definition of "irregular attendance."

"Irregular in attendance" is not specifically defined in EC 48263. This definition can therefore be determined through board policies or school site rules and regulations. Excessive excused absences should be addressed in your board policies. Some districts in Sacramento define it as 5 excused absences or 10 excused absences.

Is it ok to keep suspension letters/notices in the cum and for how long?

CCR Title 5 Sec 432 states that "routine disciplinary data and disciplinary notices are considered permitted records and therefore suspension notices can be placed in the cum file. They are to remain for three years after usefulness ceases. In other words, age 21 if regular education, age 25 if special education. See also EC 49079 which outlines specifics for notification regarding dangerous students.

Is there a new cutoff date for students entering kindergarten (September?) and if so, when does it go into effect?

The bill, AB 1236, that was going to make Kindergarten mandatory died in Appropriations and will be reintroduced in January.

I have a cell phone that has explicit language and pictures. Can I tell the parents of the cell phone user without getting into trouble?

Keep in mind what a student has on their cell phone would be considered private, just as would the contents of a backpack. The concern that comes up, in terms of rights, would be how did you obtain the cell phone and what reasonable suspicion caused you to search the cell phone? This concern assumes that the explicit language and pictures were not in plain view when the cell phone was obtained.

A student went through school as a female. After graduating she had a sex change operation and had her name legally changed to a male's name. He is now requesting that we change his name on his school records to reflect his current name.

Title 5 CCR 432 requires that we maintain the legal name of the student and the pupil's sex in our mandatory permanent record. You can change a student's official records to reflect a change in legal name or gender upon receipt of documentation that such legal name or gender has been changed pursuant to a court order. Absent such documentation, the prior name and gender should remain and you may oblige the student by employing an "aka" name and gender.

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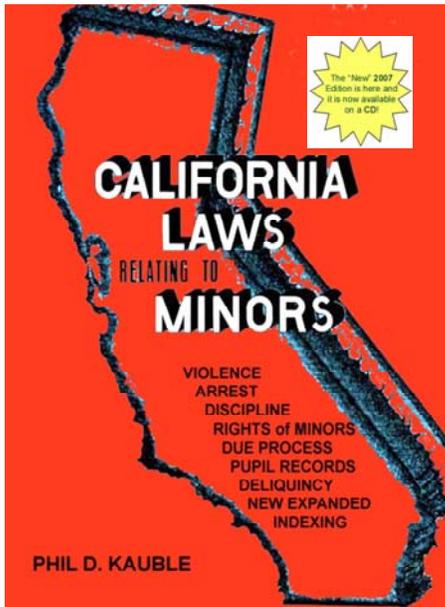
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