



Lance Christensen Biography

Lance Christensen is married and a father of 5, seventh-generation Californians, all of whom are school-age right now. With his oldest about to graduate from San Juan Unified School District (Sacramento County) to his youngest Kindergartener homeschooled through a local charter, Lance is keenly aware of all the challenges facing parents trying to get the best education for their children. For over 20 years, Lance has been very active in all aspects of the education system.

After graduating from Brigham Young University (Utah) with a degree in English, Lance taught 4th grade as an educational assistant in Aurora Public Schools (just outside of Denver, Colorado). Lance applied that experience in graduate school at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy, studying education theory that he applied over his 15 years as a legislative consultant in the State Senate. While a finance budget analyst for the Department of Finance, Lance oversaw the budget of the newly formed Department of Juvenile Justice and helped develop Proposition 98 education funding for schools in the various juvenile correctional facilities so that students could receive an education and not return to the criminal justice system.

Lance has been active in many aspects of local education including running for school board, sitting as the assistant chair of the school district's finance committee and serving as vice president of a high school booster club. Recognized as an education policy and budgetary, he is the Vice President of Education Policy and Government Relations at the California Policy Center, long respected as a foundation built on education opportunities and choice. He was also one of the primary architects of the recent school choice initiative that would allow parents to create education savings accounts for state funds to follow the student.

Lance Christensen is growing his endorsements but lists two mentors, Rep. Tom McClintock and state Sen. John Moorlach (ret.) as enthusiastic endorsements. Moorlach recently wrote:

"Californians need a proven leader to be its State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Someone who has school-aged children and appreciates the importance of providing the best education for the Golden State's six million-plus students. Lance Christensen is that gifted, intelligent and disciplined educational leader we need. He understands how Sacramento operates and where he can make the necessary and needed improvements. We've seen how disappointing our school systems are over these last two years. The status quo is not making the grade. You can be confident in your vote for Lance Christensen to positively impact the current generation and beyond."

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