



Dear Children's Caucusers!

2024 is upon us, with all its consequential elections, and we're going to do our best to affect them! Next weekend is our CDP Children's Caucus' (CademCC) **School Board Member Candidate Training** (see below). Please help us reach out to registered Democrats in California, near and far. We want to find and encourage strong leaders with the potential to sustain our values, for our kids, in and around our schools.

Coordinated by veteran campaign trainer and former CademCC Chair Emerita, Ann Crosbie, this is to be a "soup to nuts" training that touches on everything from messaging to management.

Please register to attend [here](#), and [share](#) with all your circles. The training is for *registered Democrats* only: We Will Check! That's why advance registration is necessary. And the training is free... but your contributing membership with the CDP Children's Caucus would be most appreciated.

School Board Candidate Training

Please join us on
Saturday, January 20, 2024
from 10am – 1pm.

Register



RUNNING FOR SCHOOL BOARD
2024



[join the CDP Children's Caucus for a virtual training](#)
January 20th, 2024, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Are you a Democrat running for School Board or considering a run for School Board or Community College Board? Join us!
Learn more about what it takes to run for office and WIN!

This “soup to nuts” training touches on messaging, organizing, outreach (including to DEMS and Labor), printing, graphics, FPPC, etc.

Speaking of membership...!



It's time to [renew your annual membership](#) with the Children's Caucus!

This year we have introduced a structured tier of memberships, ranging from “pre-registered” 16-17yo students, all the way up to lifetime membership. The funds help us afford our periodic meetings, both in person and remotely. And the funds support our electronic and social media outreach in communicating the issues that animate our membership: schoolboard incursions, electoral integrity, protections and legislation affecting our children.

If you are a registered Democrat with an interest in children's issues, **[JoinUS!](#)** You needn't be a delegate to the Democratic Party to join our caucuses, we turn no one away. Bring your concern and connect with others of like-mind; figure out what we might learn, and do, together. Membership dues may be waived by completing this short form [here](#). Please consider contributing to our caucus financially in the new year, and maybe sponsoring the membership of another unable to afford sustaining dues.

Road Show

Our [presentation](#) about the jeopardy from **Nonpartisan, Down Ballot School Board Races** was a big hit in Sacramento last November. It's time now to pass the message along to everyone's County Committees and filter it through there, on down to chartered Democratic Clubs up and down the state. Can you help us to spread the word? We'll train you to present about this **Electoral “Achilles Heel”** – email your willingness to chair.cademcc@gmail.com



It would be tremendous if you could present our message to your County Committee, or at least introduce the request that another member present our powerpoint. We would love it if you could identify local Democratic Clubs interested in hearing from us; introduce us, spread the word as far down the organizational daisy chain as possible.

Looking Forward

The nerve-racking runup to this March 5th primary will end, and there will come a time when we are free to convene again in person, and hopefully also hybrid, caucus. May 17-19 is the next scheduled CDP Executive Board in Southern California. Our meeting there will focus on family services and the sorts of issues children confront seeking, and gaining, societal support.

In the interim we are hoping to convene a remote meeting with state Attorney General Bonta and hopefully as well our state Superintendent of Instruction Thurmond, in order to hear from them on the subject of current state laws and Ed Code in place to protect our children.

Please be **in touch** with suggestions for these meetings, offers of help around presenting our road show, or any membership concerns you may have. Post at our **Facebook page**, or **join** the email discussion group by sending a blank email to **cademcc+subscribe@googlegroups.com**. Share photos, stories and achievements around your work electing Democrats. Sí Se Puede!

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

CademCC Statement on the mayhem





...**link** regarding select California school boards up and down the state:

The Children's Caucus of the CA Democratic Party stands against recent GOP attacks on our public schools and the rights of the children these institutions serve. Our children's basic right to privacy, protection, and the development of autonomy, must not be surrendered to bigotry around gender identity or censorship of letters, arts, or science. We must assure our schools' core function, as a place where learning is taught, social interactions are engaged, and truth is sustained.

Monitoring Schools Boards to Guarantee Quality Education

...**link** to CDP Resolution 23-05.023:

WHEREAS the Republican Party is waging an ongoing, extensive, deliberate, well-funded, national effort to undermine and defund public schools for the



purpose of privatizing education and thereby weakening our democracy; and

WHEREAS, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely; and the real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education”; and

WHEREAS elected trustees of school districts must ensure all students are educated equitably because our children are future citizens who need to be “prepared to choose wisely,” yet some trustees are undermining public schools and educators by banning books, omitting required curriculum, discriminating against LGBTQ+ students and staff, avoiding public oversight by ignoring the Brown Act, usurping authority beyond their purview, filing frivolous lawsuits, and violating their official responsibilities by wasting tax dollars taken from students to spend on their extremist agendas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports that education laws must be followed by all school boards and districts, enforced by oversight agencies, and that the community should monitor the actions and decisions of their local and county school boards and participate in its meetings, take an active part in surveys, Parent Teacher Associations, and exercise other efforts to guide school board decisions in order to guarantee that school boards facilitate the delivery of quality education to the students they serve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports electing and supporting school board members and trustees who commit to following state and federal education laws, as the first step to guarantee quality education to all students.

More important Caucus links

- Locate our growing website [here](#)
- Follow regional news E & A Watch postings from the [North](#) and [South](#)
- Download missed newsletters [here](#)
- Register your interest in joining our working committees [here](#)
- Join the email listserv with fellow caucus members [here](#)
- ...then communicate directly with the membership via [email](#)
- Submit this year's caucus dues [here](#)

A note on membership and inclusion

* You needn't be an elected or appointed delegate to the CDP to belong to the CDP Children's Caucus!

*We require only your interest in supporting children's issues. **

CDP caucus membership is accessible to all California Democrats. And meeting attendance does not require Convention or Eboard Meeting registration. It is a

good way to engage the state Party, without being a voting delegate to it. Dues are collected annually [here](#); hardship waivers are available through chair.cademcc@gmail.com . If you no longer wish to receive news from the Children's Caucus, please accept our apologies for troubling you, and simply unsubscribe through the automated link below.



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