



Dear Children's Caucusers!

We are excited to announce CADEM Children's Caucus (CademCC) will host a candidate forum for State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) on **Saturday, September 13 at 9am**. Currently all six candidates for the office of SSPI have agreed to participate. Join us bright and early, the better to save time for canvassing or registering neighbors to vote on the weekend; lots of organizing to get to!

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Richard Barrera,
San Diego Unified BOE
- Nichelle Henderson,
LACCD Trustee
- Andra Hoffman,
LACCD Trustee
- Al Muratsuchi,
CA State Assembly
- Josh Newman,
CA State Senate (fmr)
- Anthony Rendon,
Speaker CA Assembly (fmr)

*JoinUS for a
candidate forum
on Zoom!*



Saturday, Sept 13, 2025 @ 9:00am

Zoom registration:
tinyurl.com/CademCCSSPI
CADEMChildrensCaucus.org



What Is the SSPI's Mandate?

What does the SSPI do? We will explore the subject during our CademCC meeting in association with the August Virtual Executive Board meeting of the CA Democratic Party (below). Our guide in exploring this position and how to evaluate its candidates is TBA; in the meantime, here are some resources of interest:

- A dated [article, fine on the generalities](#)
- The [CA Department of Education's definition](#)

- [ED101](#)'s frame of reference

August's Virtual Executive Board Meeting

[Registration](#) is open now for CADEM's [Virtual Executive Board meeting](#) running the week of August 18-23, 2025.

Please *JoinUS!* on **Wednesday, August 20, 7:30pm** for our regular caucus meeting in association with the Eboard. Drop in anytime after 7pm, we'll be socializing before the meeting opens.

And after its adjournment, we'll open up the floor to candidates for any elected office who may wish to introduce themselves.

Looking Around For Insight

JoinUS on Zoom!

in association with the August Executive Board meeting of the California Democratic Party

- Hear from kid-focused Dem Clubs throughout the state.
- Map the political issues challenging our children's future.
- Examine the post of State Superintendent of Public Instruction in advance of CademCC's forum with its candidates.

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AGENDA: tinyurl.com/AugEbdAg

Network insights

We will seek to decipher the kaleidoscopic landscape around children's issues by hearing from people throughout the state: featuring representatives from our emergent network of kid-focused Dem Clubs, and from our geographically scattered CademCC officers as well. Listen for their perspective and learn the experience on "their" ground, but also become aware of patterns and conditions that may herald concern for our children, schools, electoral threat or partisan practice.

Legislation Study Groups

After the Spring Convention in Anaheim, the CADEM Children's Caucus met online twice, preliminary to submitting 12 position-recommendations to the CADEM Legislation Committee (LegCom). We were joined by legislation staffers or sponsors, pro and con where available, who

presented their bill/s and answered questions.

The purpose of these Legislation Study Groups (LSG) is educational, and the initiative also builds community among us, as members share personal knowledge and expertise.

CademCC recommended a position of SUPPORT to the LegCom on all bills, including two 2-year bills. The LegCom will recommend a consent calendar of positions to the August virtual Eboard meeting, and [discuss](#) positions on the remainder of bills under consideration in advance of the Saturday Eboard floor session during the (public) LegCom meeting on Friday, 9/22/25 at 4:30. Zoom link will be posted [here](#).

Learn about the bills CademCC studied in [this grid](#), which arrays fact sheets and legislative analysis, along with media reports and the summaries submitted by CademCC. Included is a tab with general information and resources for learning about the participatory process whereby a bill becomes law.

Bills considered by CademCC's Legislation Study Group

To learn more about these bills, please see the Cadem LSG grid [here](#).

Civil rights-Pupil and Student Safety-Law Enforcement

- SB 627 (Wiener, Arreguín, Pérez) ~ Law enforcement: masks. (No secret police)
- SB 805 (Pérez, Wiener) ~ Crimes (No Vigilantes)
- AB 49 (Muratsuchi, Ortega) ~ Schoolsites: Immigration enforcement
- AB 727 (González) ~ Pupil and student safety: identification cards

Foster youth-housing-placement

- AB 1314 (Ahrens) ~ Transitional housing placement providers.
- AB 896 (Elhawary) ~ Foster care: placement transition housing
- AB 1099 (Bryan) ~ Developmental services: initial intake: assessment.

Education accountability

- AB 84 (Muratsuchi) ~ School accountability: Office of the Education Inspector General: school financial and performance audits: charter school authorization, oversight, funding, operations, networks, and contracting: data systems: local educational agency contractor background checks.

Good Governance-Finance

- SB 249 (Umberg) ~ County boards of education: elections: consolidation.
- AB 397 (González, Rodríguez, Sharp-Collins) ~ Personal Income Tax Law: young child tax credit.
- AB 713 (Solache) ~ Public postsecondary education: student employment.

Environmental

- AB 1243 / SB 684 (Addis / Menjivar) ~ Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025.

How To Make Your Voice Heard

As a chartered caucus – that is, constituent subset – of the CA Democratic Party, we will and can take no position on legislation independent from the vote of the majority. CademCC, however, is comprised of individuals who may.

Each and every time a bill comes before a new committee or house-floor or the governor's desk, there is opportunity to comment on the legislation. Make your voice heard!

Login to the legislature's website [here](#). Use the tabs to locate the bill, its legislative analyses, original and amended text, a tracker to opt in for email alerts when a bill moves between committees/houses, etc. Comments may be left on this site only to the author of a bill; to officially submit your individual position to the record, use [this portal](#) (separate login). If the bill has passed both its houses and is waiting for the executive, record your position with the Governor [here](#).

If you would like help with or more information about this process, please email chair.cademcc@gmail.com.

Your Children's Caucus

...is healthy and growing! Our new steering committee meets monthly – hop in with your own ideas (email the chair [here](#)) ~ and join the planning. We'll conduct special meetings and **Conversations** with our elected officials and Party leaders all year long. JoinUS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [youtube](#), via [newsletter](#), [email](#) and [website](#), or however you might prefer and wish to help us as we continue to forward information, resources and support around children's issues.

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Your dues support caucus infrastructure and communications, and membership dues for those in need. Our pin-membership drive has been a great success; please be in touch if we still owe you yours, or if you'd like to learn how to obtain one (chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

A shout-out in gratitude to those who have contributed beyond the standard level:

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CademCC's current membership numbers 318. To join the Children's Caucus for 2025, click [here](#) to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or [here](#) to request waiver of membership dues.

Dues paid after November 2025, in association with the Fall Executive Board meeting, may be grandfathered for 2026; dues waivers must be resubmitted for and in each new calendar year.

Thank you all... please consider renewing membership for 2025 right now!

Standard Dues
(\$15/annum)

Patron-level Dues
(\$25/annum)

Mentor-level Dues
(\$50/annum)

Update Your Caucus Membership ~

Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities

Pre-registered Democrat
(Youth; \$5/annum)

Benefactor-level Dues
(Lifetime; \$500)


Request of Dues Waiver

CademCC Statement On ICE In Los Angeles

The raids throughout Southern California – from Elementary School graduations, children's CIF finals, grocery stores and immigration courts – unveil an agenda of terror, intimidation, and menace. America's democracy morphs into totalitarianism before the eyes of our children.

CHIRLA - 213.353.1333
Los Angeles - 888.624.4752
Boyle Heights (L.A.) -
 323.805.1049
San Bernardino/Riverside -
 909.361.4588
ORALE (Long Beach) - 562.276.0267
Orange County - 714.881.1558
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Central Valley - 559.206.0151
Kern County - 661.432.2230
San Francisco - 415.200.1548
Contra Costa - 925.900.5151
Alameda - 510.241.4011
Sacramento - 916.382.0256
Immigrant Defenders - 213.833.8283
GI Rights hotline - 877.447.4487

**If you see ICE/HSI,
 call your Rapid
 Response Network
 to alert and
 protect your
 community**



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*Follow your Rapid Response Network on social media for information,
 training, e.g.: @chirla_org, @ocrrn, @rrn_kern*

The Children's Caucus of the Democratic Party of California condemn the attacks upon our communities. We call for calm and control by our elected, bi-cameral leaders, who must halt the overreach of our executive branch. Please feel free to share these phone numbers for reporting immigration citations or requesting community assistance.

Pass It On ...

Immigrant and civil rights are very much on the minds of our members, working closely with children and families at risk.



Here is a “red card” of information for you to keep on hand, with printer’s instructions, from the **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**.

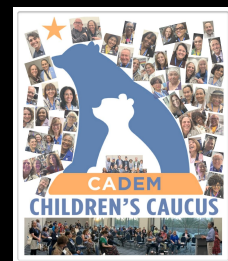
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- Socials:

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- 🐼 Find CDP Children's Caucus on [Facebook here](#)
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 - 🐼 Download missed newsletters [here](#) and [here](#)
 - 🐼 Prioritize a working committee [here](#)
 - 🐼 Signup for the email listserv with fellow caucus members [here](#)
...then communicate directly with the membership via [email](#)
- Caucus business:
 - 🐼 Review the 2024 Annual Children's Caucus Report [here](#)
 - 🐼 View 2024's recertified Bylaws [here](#)
 - 🐼 Submit this year's caucus dues [here](#); (request dues waiver [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](#); request a hardship waiver [here](#). Direct questions to: 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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