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VIA EMAIL DELIVERY

Debra Duardo  
Superintendent

CSBA Board of Directors:

Los Angeles County  
Board of Education

This letter is written at the unanimous request of our Los Angeles County Board of Education to express our concerns with the action taken by CSBA’s Board of Directors on November 29, 2023, to dismantle the California County Boards of Education (CCBE). CSBA’s action was taken without any discussion, extensive input, warning or notice to its county boards of education members.

Yvonne Chan  
President

We request your response to our two priority concerns:

Stanley L. Johnson, Jr.  
Vice President

**Fiscal Accountability and Transparency** – LACOE Board has paid the additional dues on top of basic district dues to belong to CSBA because of the value we received and our participation in the decisions on how our dues would be spent through the governance structure of CCBE. We expect the same or similar services as we received in the past with our county dues.

James Cross

Andrea Foggy-Paxton

**Identity and Structure** – The CSBA Board erased more than six decades of CCBE’s services to its members. County Boards’ longstanding support structure and our community of well-respected elected and appointed officials have dedicated years to the development of county-specific resources, training and mentoring opportunities, network building, advocacy agendas, and connections between Boards, Trustees and County Superintendents. The loss of CCBE is a loss of a community that was dedicated to ensuring the effectiveness of County Board Members in our essential role for students in our County and throughout the State. We need to know how we can retain our identity and establish a shared governance structure under CSBA’s new Region 14. We must ensure our communication among county board members and with other professional organizations continue to be effective and continue to meet county-specific needs.


Betty Forrester

Theresa Montaña

Monte E. Perez

We look forward to receipt of your prompt response to our requests.

Sincerely,

  
Yvonne Chan (Mar 19, 2024 19:06 PDT)

Yvonne Chan, ED. D., President  
Los Angeles County Board of Education

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Debra Duardo, Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education