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# **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

## **LISTENING SESSION – NEEDS OF CALIFORNIA’S SMALL AND RURAL COUNTIES – MARCH 5, 2025**

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# WELCOME

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- **Introductions**
- **ACCBE - giving voice and advocating for County Boards of Education**

# OUR PURPOSE TONIGHT

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- **The needs of rural counties, schools and families often get lost in Sacramento.**
- **Tonight we are here to listen to your challenges, your hopes and aspirations.**
- **Our goal is to raise the raise the visibility of these issues in Sacramento.**
- **In Partnership – Small School Districts Association.**

# ACCBE AND SSDA

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- Yuri Calderon, Executive Director of the Small School District Association.
- Small School District Association is the strongest voice today for small school districts.
- ACCBE is coming alongside SSDA and adding our voices and advocacy, from a county board perspective.

# IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - I

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We have created a simple structure tonight that we think will help facilitate our listening. We have identified four categories that we think help organize the areas of concern, and hopefully some opportunities for improvement.

- 1. Education Program**
- 2. Staffing**
- 3. Funding**
- 4. Compliance, Bureaucracy, Legal and all other issues**

## IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - 2

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**Board Governance and Capacity:** Are there specific needs around board training, governance, or professional development?

**Top Legislative Priorities:** What are the top three issues you want to prioritize in advocacy?

**Big Ideas & Solutions:** If you had a magic wand, what policy changes or new programs would you implement to improve student outcomes?

# NEXT STEPS - HOW ACCBE CAN SUPPORT YOU

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- **ACCBE Advocacy Forums:** January 27, 2025. View the recording/access resources on Literary Reading Recovery and changes to Mandated Reporting. **May Forum TDB**
- **“Starting Strong”** as a New County Board Trustee series, February 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Small School District Association Conference,** Sacramento April 6-8
- **One-on-One Mentoring and Monthly Coaching sessions** for all trustees
- **Quarterly Sharing, Learning and Networking** meetings for all trustees March 17<sup>th</sup> , June 2, Sept 1, Dec TBD
- **ACCBE Advocacy/Policy Committee,** March 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm.
- **Innovation Workshops-** 3-part series on court and community school's forthcoming

# ACCBE'S KEY GOALS

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- **Advocate & Amplify:** ACCBE is solely dedicated to develop and advocate on legislative and policy issues for county boards of education, ensuring a unified and strong voice representing the unique interest of County Boards on issues impacting County Offices of Education.
- **Partnerships for Success:** ACCBE is committed to building a strong partnership with the California Superintendent's Association, and coalitions with other allied groups to leverage resources and expertise in support of student success.
- **Engage, Elevate, & Empower:** ACCBE builds leadership capacity within County Boards, fostering collaboration and peer support.
- **Forward-Looking:** ACCBE focuses on innovation solutions to address the evolving challenges/changes in education.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN ACCBE

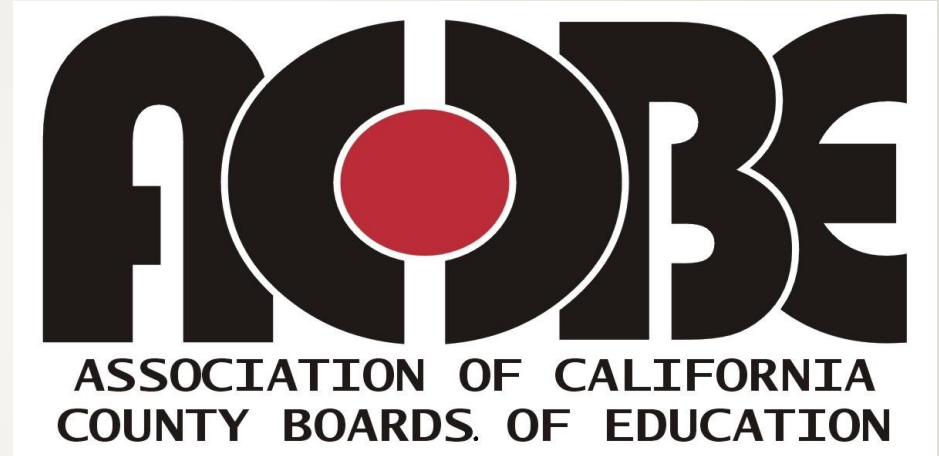
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- **Become a Member:** Seek your board's support to join ACCBE -Board resolution.
- **Contribute to the Conversation:** Participate in discussions and surveys to help refine ACCBE's governance and services.
- **Join a Committee:** Get involved by joining a committee focused on event/workshop planning, advocacy, or member engagement, and play an active role in shaping the future of ACCBE. Go to ACCBE web site [www.accbe.org](http://www.accbe.org) Get Involved.

# HERE IS OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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