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***REQUIRES BOARD ACTION***

**Due: Fri. Mar. 15 return ballot in enclosed envelope**

January 31, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards – **SUBREGION 8-A**
From: Emma Turner, CSBA President
Re: 2019 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Fri. March 15**

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Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. It consists of: 1) the ballot (on red paper), the reverse side of which contains the names of ALL current members of the Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume, which will be on the reverse side of the biographical sketch form. In addition, provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. **Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Friday, March 15, 2019.** ***No exceptions.***

Your Board may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, your Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. (The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.)

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery. Please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope along with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot).

If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2021. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than Monday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact CSBA's Executive Office at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
List of all current Delegates on reverse side of ballot (red paper and white paper)
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and resumes, if provided
CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

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This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "✕" in the box.
*A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2019 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 8-A
(San Joaquin County)

Number of vacancies: 2 (Vote for no more than 2 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2021*

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Eric Duncan Sr (Manteca USD)

☐ George Neely (Lodi USD)*

☐ Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD)*

☐ Courtney Porter (Lodi USD)

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name* _____ *School District* _____

*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk* _____ *Title* _____

*School District Name* _____ *Date of Board Action* _____

*See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.*

## REGION 8 – 14 Delegates (12 elected/2 appointed◈)

## Director: Matthew Balzarini (Lammersville Joint USD)

**Below is a list of all the current Delegates with expired terms from this Region.**

**Subregion 8-A (San Joaquin)**
Kathleen Garcia (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Kathy Howe (Manteca USD), term expires 2020
Cecilia Mendez (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2020
George Neely (Lodi USD), term expires 2019
Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD), term expires 2019
Stephen Schluer (Manteca USD), term expires 2020
Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD), term expires 2020

**Subregion 8-B (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)**
Vacant, term expires 2019

**Subregion 8-C (Stanislaus)**
Faye Lane (Ceres USD), term expires 2020
Cynthia (Cindi) Lindsey (Sylvan Union ESD), term expires 2019
Paul Wallace (Neman-Crows Landing USD), term expires 2019

**Subregion 8-D (Merced)**
Adam Cox (Merced City ESD), term expires 2019
John Medearis (Merced Union HSD), term expires 2020

**County Delegate:**
Juliana Feriani (Tuolumne COE), term expires 2020

## Counties

San Joaquin (Subregion A)
Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne (Subregion B)
Stanislaus (Subregion C)
Merced (Subregion D)

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# 2019 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

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***Signature:*** Eric Duncan Sr. ***Date:*** 12/17/18

Name: Eric Duncan Sr CSBA Region & subregion #: 3A

District or COE: Manteca Unified Years on board: 2

Profession: Special Education Contact Number (please √ ■ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-271-8778

*Primary E-mail: eduncan@musd.net

*(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)*

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐ Yes ■ No | If yes, year you became Delegate:_____

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

I would like to become a delegate so I can contribute to my region on a larger scale. I have really grown as a Trustee over the past two (2) years and becoming a delegate will enhance my growth even more. My abilities to work as a team to reach a common goal will serve well as a delegate.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

With my local board, I was recently voted in as Vice President, I serve on the Facilities Committee, and was also appointed as City of Stockton Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I am the President of our local youth sports organization, organized a community operated nonprofit organization to support the establishment of our local Boys & Girls Club, and volunteer coach with our youth organization. I am a member of the CSBA Equity Network, I have attended the CSBA AEC the past three (3) years, participated in Legislation Day, & finished third in the race for African American Director at Large position.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge facing governing boards are the lack of funding for public education. I feel that CSBA can help address this issue by continuing to lobby for the federal and state government to increase funding until we are fully funded.

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***Signature:*** George Neely Digitally signed by George Neely DN: cn=George Neely, o, ou, email=gneely52@gmail.com, c=US Date: 2018.12.12 10:32:27 -08'00' ***Date:*** 12/12/2018

Name: George Neely CSBA Region & subregion #: 8A

District or COE: Lodi Unified School District Years on board: 8

Profession: Retired Military Officer/Teacher Contact Number (please √ ■ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-329-5152

*Primary E-mail: gneely@lodiusd.net

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ■ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2013

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

I have been a Board member for 8 years and a CSBA delegate for 6 years. I strongly believe in the purpose and the power of CSBA. We are largest single body of elected officials in the country, and I believe that if we act together, we can greatly impact the direction of public education in California. I am a graduate of the CSBA Masters in Governance Program. I have been President of the Lodi USD Board twice. I am a founding member of our Legislative Advocacy committee, and I have met with all 3 of our Assembly members and our State Senator in the last 3 months. I am also a member of our Lodi City Council 2 x 2 committee and the San Joaquin County School Boards Association.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

In the 8 years that I have been a member of our Lodi City Council 2 x 2 committee, I have met with council members many times, both formally as part of the committee and informally as well. As President of the LUSD Board, I have spoken at City Council Meetings to give the council updates on the status and progress of LUSD. I am a founding Board member of Giving Opportunities To Kids (GOT Kids), our nonprofit foundation for raising and distributing money to our schools to support student activities. I have sponsored resolutions in support of CSBA goals including a resolution for Full and Fair Funding. I presented "Technology in Education" at the CSBA Annual Education Conference.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

Public Education faces 3 major issues that must be addressed. The first is Full and Fair Funding. CSBA has done a fantastic job laying the ground work to increase the funding level for California Schools. We must now take the message to the public. The second issue is Charter School Reform. Charter Schools must be forced to play on a level playing field! If we increase funding, without Charter School Reform, we will see a huge increase in the number of applications as they scramble for the money. The third area we must address is that of Special Education. Districts must spend an ever-increasing amount of their limited funds on Special Ed mandates not covered by our current funding.

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# Resume of George Neely

**Statement of Qualifications**

I am a retired military officer, a retired manager for General Electric Security, and a retired public school teacher. I have been on the Board of Education for 8 years and been a CSBA Delegate for Region 8A for the last 6 years. I have pursued additional training as a Board Member on my own, as well as taking classes at CSU Stanislaus for School administration. I have a strong technology background in both the government and corporate arenas.

**Work Experience:**

2010 – Board of Education, Lodi Unified School District

Served as Board President, Board Vice President, and Board Clerk. Served on Lodi City Council 2 x 2 Committee, Legislative Advocacy Committee, and San Joaquin School Board Association.

2010 – 2015 Teacher and Administrator for Academy of Business, Law, and Education

Taught Personal Finance, Communications, Computer Literacy, Web Design, and Job Skills

2005 – 2010 Teacher for Lodi Unified School District

Classroom teacher for Title 1 Schools

1992 – 2004 Territory Manager for General Electric Security

Responsible for business development in Southern California and Hawaii

1991 – 1992 Director of Technical Services X-Truder National

Responsible for technical operations of Atlanta based security provider

1971 – 1991 US Army

Infantry Soldier in Vietnam

Aviation Officer, Attack Helicopter Pilot, Scout Helicopter Pilot

**Education**

Lodi High School

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

Bachelor Business Administration

California State University Stanislaus

Multi Subject Teaching Credential

California School Board Association

Masters in Governance

**Personal**

Married with 3 children and 6 grandchildren. My hobbies include home renovation projects, hiking, traveling, and golf.

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***Signature:*** Christopher K. Oase ***Date:*** 1-4-19

Name: Dr. Christopher "Kit" Oase CSBA Region & subregion #: 8A

District or COE: Ripon Unified School District Years on board: 8

Profession: Retired Educator Contact Number (please √ ■ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-613-1035

*Primary E-mail: kitoase@yahoo.com

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ■ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2017

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

The CSBA has established itself as an effective organization representing school boards and children throughout the State of California. I would hope to continue my service as a member of the Delegate Assembly to actively support these efforts. I have skills and knowledge as a former teacher and administrator as well as service as a member and chair many years ago of the State Commission on Educational Innovation and Planning. I would hope the breadth and depth of my experience and ability to work with others might be helpful in the work of our organization.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

I have served on the Ripon Unified Schools Governing Board for 8 years including work as Clerk, Vice President and President. I have chaired the last two bond campaigns for our district, attended Legislative Action Days, and been involved in legislative issues on a regular basis. My community activities include serving as President of the Ripon Arts League, and work as lay leader of my church.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

Challenges include: (1) maximizing the resources we have to provide the best education we can for students, (2) continuing work to keep ourselves informed on local and statewide issues and (3) ensuring that CSBA continues its excellent efforts to garner respect in the education community, State Legislature and Governor, and public at large. CSBA needs to continue to inform school board members at all levels of communication the importance of their role in fostering quality schools. To that end, working as a team between the board and superintendent, addressing the ongoing need for more reasonable funding to meet the needs of students, and developing a stronger and reasoned voice for CSBA.

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**Resume of Christopher "Kit" Oase**

Member of the Delegate Assembly (8A)- 2 years
Member and Board Officer, Ripon Unified School District- 8 years
Active in CSBA Legislative Action Day, Proposition 51 election and specific legislative efforts

Holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Government and Music from Sacramento State Univ.
Holds Interdisciplinary Doctorate in Political Science and Economics from Idaho State University

Retired educator with 11 years teaching experience at the elementary and high school levels, and 24 years of service as a school administrator in unified school districts and the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

Enjoys- family, photography, camping, golf and music.
Involved in his church and community including 20+ gallon blood donor, community concerts leader, church choir member and scholarship donor.

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***Signature:*** Courtney Porter ***Date:*** 1/3/2019

Name: Courtney Porter CSBA Region & subregion #: 8 A

District or COE: Lodi Unified School District Years on board: new

Profession: Trustee Contact Number (please √ ■ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-712-1176

*Primary E-mail: courtneyporter@sbcglobal.net

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐ Yes ■ No | If yes, year you became Delegate:_____

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

After spending thirty-eight years as a classroom teacher, I am eager to continue helping the kids and community after my recent retirement. My educational career has included leadership roles such as Science Dept. Chair, Union Executive Board, and Aquatics Director. I have worked successfully with AP, Pre-AP, special needs students, English language learners and a variety of children from diverse backgrounds. I hold a Master's degree in Biology from Stanford University. My teaching days have drawn to a close, but my dedication to my community remains strong. I am now interested in becoming an effective, strong and dynamic trustee in order to continue serving students from our state.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

I have only recently been elected to the school board, but as I stated above my thirty-eight years of classroom experience has taught me a great deal about the profile, challenges and needs of my community. I have also spent thirty-eight years as a high school and college coach, and this has given me valuable opportunities to get to know many different families in our area. I have fundraised, organized and worked side by side thousands of students, parents, local government officials to improve our community and help kids succeed in the classroom and beyond. I know my local community, and I am eager to learn all I can now about how to best serve the families in our area as a trustee.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

Today's schools face tougher challenges with increasingly limited resources. The governing boards across the state must grapple with how to provide a competitive, inspiring educational experience for every student within diminishing budgets and daunting societal challenges. The high school where I taught for thirty-eight years has a population where nearly 70% of our students are categorized as receiving free/reduced lunch. The socio-economic conditions of the Central Valley call for dedicated problem-solvers and creative solutions. The kids we work with face daunting circumstances, but their schools need to be ready to meet all of their needs. Good governing boards can inspire change.

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