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TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

BALLOT DEADLINE: **Thursday, March 15, 2018**

January 29, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education

From: Mike Walsh, President

Re: Ballot for 2018 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Thursday, March 15, 2018

Enclosed is the ballot material for election of a representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. The material consists of the ballot (on red paper), required candidate biographical sketch form, and if submitted, a résumé. In addition, provided is a watermarked "copy" of the ballot on white paper so that it may be included in board agenda packets, if you choose to do so. **Only the completed ballot on red paper is to be returned.**

The board, as a whole, 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 in the region or subregion, the board may vote for up to three individuals. Regardless of the number of vacancies, each 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 with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot). **Ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Thursday, March 15, 2018.** ***No exceptions are allowed.***

Election results will be available no later than Friday, April 1. 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, 2018 – March 31, 2020. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 19 – Sunday, May 20 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than Friday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Office at (800) 371-4691, should you have any questions. Thank you.

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This completed **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the U.S. post office no later than **THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018**. 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 2018 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 8-A
(San Joaquin County)

Number of vacancies: 3 (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Kathy M. Howe (Manteca USD)*

☐ Stephen J. Schluer (Manteca USD)

☐ Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD)*

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

_____ _____
Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk *Title*

_____ _____
School District *Date of Board Action*

See reverse side for a current list of all 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 2019
Kathy Howe (Manteca USD), term expires 2018
George Neely (Lodi USD), term expires 2019
Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD), term expires 2019
Angela Phillips (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2018
Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD), term expires 2018
Vacant, 2018

Subregion 8-B (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)
Zerrall McDaniel (Calaveras USD), term expires 2019

Subregion 8-C (Stanislaus)
Faye Lane (Ceres USD), term expires 2018
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
Greg Opinski (Merced Union HSD), term expires 2018

County Delegate:
Juliana Feriani (Tuolumne COE), term expires 2018

Counties

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

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2018 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

DUE: Sunday, January 7, 2018

Mail to: CSBA | Attn: Executive Office | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 | fax: (916) 371-3407 | or email: nominations@csba.org.

Please complete, sign and date this required one-page candidate biographical sketch form. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted; both will be copied exactly as received. Please do not state "see résumé" and please do not re-type this form. Any additional page(s) exceeding this one-page candidate form will not be accepted. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office at (800) 266-3382.

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Signature: Kathy M. Howe *Date:* 12/14/17

Name: Kathy M. Howe CSBA Region-subregion #: 8

District or COE: Manteca Unified School District Years on board: 2

Profession: Retired Educator Contact Number: (please ✓ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.) 209-825-4738

*Primary E-mail: khowe@musd.net

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

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? 2 years

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

As someone who has served two years as a delegate, I would like to continue my involvement in CSBA. I'm excited about the Grassroots Advocacy Mobilization that is currently being developed throughout the state. These efforts will give local board members increased opportunities to advocate for important issues in public education. I would like to be a part of this program which is posed to make a positive difference for the children of California.

I've spent my life dedicated to the education of children. I was an elementary teacher for more than 30 years. I'm entering my third year as a board member for the district where I grew up, worked as a teacher, and raised my children. I'm passionate about doing everything I can to see that students receive the education they deserve.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I am an active school board member. I am involved in the issues facing our schools. I reach out to communicate with school employees, administrators, business leaders, students, and the public. I visit the schools on a regular basis and am aware of the successes our schools are achieving as well as concerns for improvement.

I am a member of a local Rotary club and also a community service organization called Women of Woodbridge. I serve on a 2X2 Committee comprised of school district personnel and city officials. We meet regularly to discuss the joint concerns of the city and the schools. These activities allow me to interact positively with the community and to advocate for the needs of students at the same time.

Since becoming a board member and a delegate to CSBA, I have attended all of the delegate meetings and regional meetings. I've supported CSBA's Golden Bell Awards by volunteering to validate nominees in my region. This has been such a learning experience for me to witness and learn about innovative programs in nearby school districts. I hope to become more involved in CSBA in the future.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

The biggest challenge facing school boards in California is funding. Our schools need a dependable source of income. Funding needs to be increased so that we are not lagging behind the national average on per pupil spending.

I am hopeful that the grassroots campaign that CSBA is in the process of implementing will be able to successfully address this issue. Every board member needs to help spread the word. If CSBA could provide guidance on specific strategies for this, it would be a great first step. Support and encouragement at the local level from CSBA should result in positive actions.

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Signature: _____ *Date:* 15 December 2017

Name: Stephen J. Schluer CSBA Region-subregion #: 8

District or COE: Manteca Unified School District Years on board: 2.5

Profession: Police Sergeant Contact Number: (please √ ☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.) (209) 456-7317

*Primary E-mail: sschluer@musd.net

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

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? N/A

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have been of the MUSD Board of Education for the past 2.5 years. I was brought onto this board by a unanimous vote in the summer of 2015, when the board and district were in disarray. Two board members were facing indictment and there was a local charge to have a third re-called. I then ran for elect in 2016 and was unopposed. I this past year I was the Board President and was just elected again by my colleagues to serve another term as President. I believe I have the skillset to assist CSBA as a Delegate the same way I did my district. I believe along with my professional experience (Police Sergeant) and involvement with the community, I would be an asset. I have the desire to work with local districts, county offices, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, to ensure that the association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education throughout the state.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I am currently the Board President for the second term. I sit on a 2X2 Committee with the City of Manteca, MUSD Budget Review Committee, and MUSD Superintendent Evaluation Committee. I am a Board Member and current Board President of the Manteca/Lathrop Boys and Girls Club and have been on this board for the past 10 years. I also am on the Governing Board for Doctors Hospital of Manteca (Tennet Health). I am also a Board Member of the Manteca Parks and Rec Foundation. I am involved with my community and have the pulse of my community. I am involved with my community because I want to have an impact where I live. I want to make it better for the people who live here. I know, if given the opportunity, I could have the same impact on CSBA as a Delegate.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

In my opinion the biggest challenge facing our governing boards in California is financial management. Our budgets and funding have always been a challenge. In a perfect world, every school district in California would have the best facilities and pay, best technology, reduced class sizes etc. But this is not a perfect world and many districts do not have the money to facilitate all that is needed. Budgets are difficult to understand and it is difficult to decide where to spend the money. A person once told me that you can see the district's priorities by looking at their budget. I believe CSBA could help address this by having board workshops for budgeting and continuing educating the governing boards in budgeting.

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Signature: Jenny Van De Pol *Date:* 12/8/17

Name: Jenny Van De Pol CSBA Region-subregion #: 8A

District or COE: Lincoln Unified Years on board: 3

Profession: Homemaker Contact Number: (please ✓) ☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.) 209-601-4186

*Primary E-mail: jvandepol@lusd.net

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

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? 1 term (2 yrs)

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am passionate about public education. Since before my oldest child (now in college) started kindergarten, I have been an avid reader and researcher of public schools. Since I do not work outside the home, I have the time to research issues, and observe our local schools in action.

My business background is in marketing and advertising. I also bring more than 12 years of extensive volunteering in our school district, in a variety of roles.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

Over the past three years, I have served as our board's representative to Lincoln Council PTA, and Stockton's Parks & Recreation Committee. In 2018, I will be serving as our board's Vice President/ Clerk.

I have served as a lay volunteer in my church's youth group for several years, and hold babies for a mother's group. I also actively volunteer in our district high school's Band Boosters.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

I think the biggest challenge facing local boards is governing with seriously insufficient funds. The ballooning pension burden, skyrocketing special education costs, and a state which seems determined to consider the funding "floor" a "ceiling" are all components of a true crisis for governing boards.

CSBA's new grassroots efforts are a step in the right direction, so we can leverage the voices of school board members for adequate education funding from Sacramento and D.C.