California School Boards Association

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

Due: Mon. March 15—return ballot in enclosed envelope

January 29, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards
From: Suzanne Kitchens, CSBA President
Re: 2021 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 15**

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. 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 to CSBA. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 15, 2021.**

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, 2021 – March 31, 2023. Following the election, an updated list of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than April 1, 2021. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact Jamille Peters at jpeters@csba.org 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
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and optional resumes
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 **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**. 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 2021 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 8-A
(San Joaquin County)

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

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

**denotes incumbent*

☐ George Neely (Lodi USD)*

☐ Christopher "Kit" Oase (Ripon USD)*

☐ Courtney Porter (Lodi USD)

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

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk _____ *Title* _____

School District Name _____ *Date of Board Action* _____

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

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

Director: Stephen Schluer (Manteca USD)

Below is a list of all elected or appointed Delegates from this Region.

Subregion 8-A (San Joaquin)
Kathleen Garcia (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Kathy Howe (Manteca USD), term expires 2022
Cecilia Mendez (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2022
George Neely (Lodi USD), term expires 2021
Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD), term expires 2021
Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD), term expires 2022
Vacant, term expires 2022

Subregion 8-B (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)
Sherri Reusche (Calaveras USD), term expires 2021

Subregion 8-C (Stanislaus)
Faye Lane (Ceres USD), term expires 2022
Cynthia (Cindi) Lindsey (Sylvan Union ESD), term expires 2021
Paul Wallace (Neman-Crows Landing USD), term expires 2021

Subregion 8-D (Merced)
Adam Cox (Merced City ESD), term expires 2021
Vacant, term expires 2022

County Delegate:
Juliana Feriani (Tuolumne COE), term expires 2022

Counties

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

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Signature: George Neely **Date:** 12/31/2020

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

District or COE: Lodi Unified School District **Years on board:** 10

Profession: Retired **Contact Number (☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.):** 209-329-5152

Primary E-mail: gneely@lodiusd.net

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.

I have been a Board member for 10 years and a CSBA delegate for 8 years. I strongly believe in the purpose and the power of CSBA as we are largest single body of elected officials in the country. I am passionate about fixing public education in California, and I believe that if we act together, we can greatly impact the direction of public education. I have been President of the Lodi USD Board twice. I am a founding member of our Legislative Advocacy committee. I am also a member of our Lodi City Council 2 x 2 committee and the San Joaquin County School Boards Association. I am a retired military officer, and I believe that the leadership and other experiences I gained while in the military have helped me immensely as a member of the Board of Education. In the military, I learned a saying that has stayed with me; "Difficulty is a challenge, not an excuse." We can accomplish anything as an organization if we focus on our goals. I am also retired from General Electric Security. As the Regional Manager for Southern California and Hawaii, I taught business development and assisted companies in achieving their goals. Finally, I am retired teacher and administrator. These three careers have prepared me to a Board Member for Lodi Unified School District and a member of the Delegate Assembly.

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

In the 10 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 to 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 twice at the CSBA Annual Education Conference. My first presentation was "Technology in Education," where we showcased the advancements Lodi Unified had made towards fully incorporating computing skills into our curriculum. The second time our Superintendent and I shared our policy and practice of Teacher Career Paths.

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

Public Education faces 4 major issues that must be addressed. The first is obviously the immediate and long term impacts of the COVID virus. School districts that follow public health guidelines must be indemnified against the massive potential loss of COVID lawsuits. We also need to make up for lost instructional time, particularly for low income and low performing students, and this will require additional funding. The second 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 that message to the public. The third 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 fourth issue 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. CSBA continues to support efforts for all of these areas.

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 and administrator. I have been on the Board of Education for 10 years and a CSBA Delegate for Region 8A for the last 8 years. I have completed the Masters in Governance program from CSBA. I have also 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 government, the corporate arena, and public education as well.

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: _____ **Date:** December 2,

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

District or COE: Ripon USD **Years on board:** 10

Profession: Retired Educatc **Contact Number (☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.):** 209 613-1035

Primary E-mail: kitoase@yahoo.com

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.

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.

I have served on the Ripon Unified School District's Board of Trustees for 10 years including work as Clerk, Vice President and President. I have served on many committees, chaired the last two bond campaigns for our district, attended CSBA 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, working as a volunteer and donor at the local Red Cross Blood Bank and service as lay leader of my church.

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

Our 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, (3) providing leadership to local school boards on all aspects of addressing the COVID-18 crisis, and, (4) ensuring that CSBA continues its excellent efforts to garner respect in the education community, the State Legislature, Governor, and public at large. CSBA needs to continue to inform school board members on how they can improve communication at all levels and the importance of its role in fostering quality schools. To that end, we must work as a team to build and maintain strong relationships between local boards and superintendents, address the ongoing need for more reasonable funding to meet the needs of students, and develop a stronger and reasoned voice for CSBA

Resume of Christopher "Kit" Oase

Member of the Delegate Assembly (8A)- 4 years
Member and Board Officer, Ripon Unified School District- 10 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.
Lay leader and choir member in his church, 25 gallon+ blood donor, community concerts leader, and scholarship donor.

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Signature: [signature] **Date:** 1/7/2021

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

District or COE: Lodi Unified School District **Years on board:** 3

Profession: Retired Teacher **Contact Number (☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.):** (209) 712-1176

Primary E-mail: courtneyporter@sbcglobal.net

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.

I have been a classroom teacher and coach for 38 years so I have an insider's appreciation for educational management. I have taught AP, special needs, English language learners and a variety of children from diverse backgrounds. I know how instrumental collegial, competent and cooperative school boards can be for these children.

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

In addition to 38 years of teaching, I have held leadership positions such as department chair, union executive board, aquatics director and head water polo coach at both the high school and collegiate levels. I have fundraised successfully for these programs, and my dedication to students is well known by everyone in my community. I have held Teacher of the Year honors at the high school where I taught, and I was awarded CIF State Coach of the Year as well.

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

Since I have spent 38 years teaching, I am acutely aware of California's teacher shortage. It is critical that the state's school boards work to attract qualified teachers and retain those teachers through meaningful professional development and reliable mentoring. I have worked with my district to do this, but I'd like to continue to work with CSBA to troubleshoot this crisis at a state level as well. I am also interested in ending the school to prison pipeline with targeted educational reforms.

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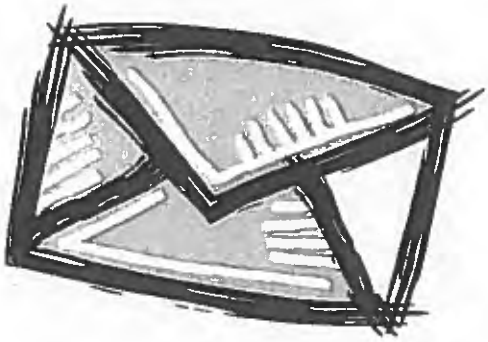

BALLOTS SHOULD BE RETURNED IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE; HOWEVER, SHOULD THE ENVELOPE BECOME MISPLACED; PLEASE USE YOUR STATIONERY AND RETURN TO:

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DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS
3251 BEACON BLVD.
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691

ON THE BOTTOM LEFT CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE, WRITE THE REGION OR SUBREGION NUMBER (THIS NUMBER APPEARS ON THE BALLOT AT THE TOP).