



Small School Districts' Association

2019-2020

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

*Small School Districts
Have Unique Needs
SSDA Gives Them a Voice*



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WHY JOIN SSSA?

"Being a superintendent can be lonely. Joining SSSA provides you with a 'school family' that is unparalleled in terms of an organization that will go above and beyond your expectations. Through this relationship, whether it is a shoulder to lean on, listening to unique challenges that you are facing, or celebrating a victory, they are there!"

Ronda Tremblay
Superintendent
Baker Valley Unified School District

"SSSA has the legislative connections in Sacramento to give the smallest of the small school districts a 'seat at the table.' Educational policy should not be left to the 'Big 5' school districts. Through your membership, you can help craft legislation that is beneficial to your small school district and small districts throughout California!"

Toby Wait
Superintendent/Principal
Big Creek School District

"SSSA has been a key support system for Scott Valley Unified School District across many avenues. The Organization has provided staff development keyed into the specific needs of our small district, support for my administrative staff with respect to legislation effecting smalls, as well as access to a wide array of experienced mentors on whom we can call. Having SSSA in our back pocket has allowed us to leverage a State wide network of expertise directly benefiting our students."

Marie Caldwell
Superintendent
Scott Valley Unified School District

The Small School Districts' Association (SSDA) advocates and supports all small school districts in California. SSSA provides professional trainings and workshops to enhance all facets within your District:

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Members' Only Portal
- Advocacy
- Member Benefits/Discounts Directory
- Superintendent Search Services, including recruitment, background checking, interview process development, contract negotiations and mentoring
- Board of Trustees Governance Trainings
- Workplace investigations
- Job listings/advertisements
- Legislative updates from Capitol Advisors Group
- News eblasts, newsletters, and *SSDA Today!* magazine

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Consulting and mentoring services, including budgeting, management, and HR
- New Superintendents' Symposium
- Negotiations Training Series
- Superintendent Summits
- Facilities Bootcamp

NETWORKING/COLLABORATION

- Members' Only Portal
- Superintendents' Summits
- Spring Annual Conference
- Regional Workshops
- Eye On Education Collaborative
- Social Media — Facebook & Twitter

Legislative Advocacy

SSDA's partnership with Capitol Advisors Group ensures that the unique needs of small schools and districts are well represented before the Legislature, the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the CA Department of Education. Our legislative advocates work to protect and support small school district funding and ensure that the special needs of our districts are recognized and addressed.



What SSDA is Accomplishing For You:

- To help assist small school districts address the teacher shortage, SSDA sponsored AB 1119 (E.Garcia): Teacher and Substitute Shortage Workgroup: small school districts.
 - ◊ Bill requires CTC to establish a Teacher and Substitute Shortage Workgroup to identify steps that can be taken to improve both the substitute pool and the qualified teacher workforce in small school districts. The bill requires the workgroup to examine, at a minimum, current laws and regulations governing the issuance of substitute permits and recommend changes to those laws and regulations.
- Played a pivotal role in the defeat of SB 328, the Late Start Bill in 2018.
- Changed the law for DIR reporting and certified payroll reporting to the following:
 - ◊ Increased thresholds for New Construction, Alteration, Demolition, Installation, or Repair Work from \$1,000 to \$25,000
 - ◊ Increased thresholds for Maintenance Work from \$1,000 to \$15,000
 - ◊ The Labor Commissioner may waive or reduce penalties for unintentional first-time violations
- Offered a variety of support for small school districts in regards to facilities hardship:
 - ◊ Bill to place school facility bonds on the 2020/2022 ballots (AB 48, O'Donnell) amended to benefit smalls.
 - Grants to hire a project manager/construction manager to oversee projects, and to contract for additional technical assistance on applications.
 - Right to "reservation of funds" to ensure state bond funding will be immediately available for smalls once application process is complete.
 - Faster OPSC application processing times (90 days) available to all school districts (at urging of smalls).
 - ◊ SSDA highly involved in school facilities policy
 - Now one of the most active statewide associations in OPSC and State Allocation Board (SAB) decision-making.
 - Testified at multiple SAB hearings on key issues to ensure equity for small and rural districts.
- CDE is currently working on revising and pairing down the LCAP template based on concerns raised on behalf of SSDA.
- Worked with State Board of Education to achieve an extended Safety Net on the Dashboard to College and Career Indicator.
- Worked to ensure that the special education funding in the state budget would go to all districts.
- Helped facilitate applications for small districts to obtain State grant funding to replace old school buses with electric and other clean technology vehicles.
- Ensure small schools are not over-identified in the "red" performance level across measures in the State's accountability system by working with CDE on appropriate statistical approaches.
- Help CDE and the State Board of Education develop an ESSA State Plan that takes into account SSDA's input regarding capacity, access to resources, and applicability for smalls.
- Met on quarterly basis with executive-level staff of both CalPERS and CalSTRS to ensure the interests of small school districts are protected.
- Established SSDA's reputation as the first point of reference by policy makers on all issues impacting small school districts.
- SSDA has representatives placed on the:
 - ◊ State System of Support Advisory Group
 - ◊ SBE Advisory Committee on creation of a growth model
- SSDA also works with individual districts or group of districts with common issues such as:
 - ◊ Necessary Small School Funding & Designation
 - ◊ Transportation
- Provides up-to-date webinars and workshops for issues directly affecting small school districts

District Membership Application

DISTRICT BASIC MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT PACKAGE PLAN

Submit Your Application:

Email to corrie@ssda.org ♦ Fax: 916-443-7468 ♦ Mail: 925 L St., Ste. 1200, Sacramento CA 95814
Please make checks payable to Small School Districts' Association

District: _____

Superintendent: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

County: _____ ADA: _____

P.O.#: _____ Billable Amount: _____

American Express

MasterCard

Visa

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

(Will incur a 3% processing fee)

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

SSDA Membership Options

ADA	BASIC MEMBERSHIP	ELITE COUNTY BASIC MEMBERSHIP	PACKAGE PLAN MEMBERSHIP	ELITE COUNTY DISCOUNTED PACKAGE PLAN MEMBERSHIP
1 - 100	\$350	\$175	\$1,150	\$978
101 - 499	\$650	\$325	\$1,450	\$1,235
500 - 999	\$1,050	\$525	\$1,850	\$1,575
1,000 - 2,500	\$1,250	\$625	\$2,050	\$1,745
Over 2,500	\$1,550	\$775	\$2,350	\$2,000

If your county is an Elite Member, your Basic District Membership dues are reduced by 50%, and your Package Plan District Membership is available at a reduced cost.