

2020-2021

**County Office of
Education
MEMBERSHIP**

*Small School
Districts Have
Unique Needs*

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*SSDA Gives
Them a Voice*

JOIN TODAY

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WHY JOIN SSSA?

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

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Members' Only Portal
- Open-Source Board Policies
- 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
- Executive Assistant Academies
- PD for Teachers: Distance Learning & More

NETWORKING/COLLABORATION

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

"SSDA is the single most important state wide organization that a small school district can choose to join. No other organization advocates for or represents the interest of smalls better than SSDA and its advocacy team at Capitol Advisors Group, LLC."

**Rich DuVarney,
Superintendent,
Tehama County
Department of Education**

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!

Charter Authorizing Tools & Resources



SSDA is partnering with California Charter Authorizing Professionals (CCAP) to advance high quality charter school authorizing in public education. CCAP provides charter authorizing professionals with resources, guidance, and a collective voice. Collectively CCAP and SSDA will provide new tools, templates and resources to assist you in providing high quality oversight of the charter schools you authorize.

Through this partnership all SSDA members will automatically receive a FREE introductory membership to CCAP for the 2020-2021 year. CCAP membership benefits for SSDA members will include:

- Priority access to all CCAP trainings
- Consultation time to answer specific questions related to any the focus areas of Academic, Financial, Governance/Management and Public Policy.



Introducing a New SSDA Member Benefit

SSDA Board Policies

SSDA is constantly asked by its members to help reduce and streamline the amount of mandated work they have, so district leadership can focus on supporting its teachers and students. One of these areas is in Board Policies.

For years, small school districts have been advised they need a policy for pretty much everything and anything. According to SSDA's partners at the law firm of Girard, Edwards, Stevens & Tucker LLP, **state and federal law requires school districts to adopt policies covering a few dozen topics**. SSDA recognizes that small school district superintendents and board members spend an inordinate amount of time reviewing policies not relevant to the needs of their districts.

To help solve this issue, SSDA has worked with a group of small school district superintendents and the attorneys at Girard, Edwards, Stevens & Tucker LLP to develop a policy manual to better suit your needs. ***And, even more importantly, these policies align with the needs of small school districts.***

As a special thank you to our District and COE Members, these Board Policies are available open-source and free-of-charge as a download through our Members' Only Portal.

With SSDA's Board Policies Manual, you will no longer have shelves full of board policies irrelevant to your district's needs, and can eliminate the many hours that boards and staff devote to updating policies you don't need.

For more information on SSDA's Board Policies, accessing the Members' Only Portal, or becoming an SSDA member, contact Corrie Pelc, SSDA's membership and marketing manager, at 916-662-7213 or corrie@ssda.org.



Legislative Advocacy

SSDA's partnership with Capitol Advisors Group ensures that the unique needs and issues of small schools and districts are well represented and addressed at the State Capitol. Our legislative advocates work to protect and increase small school district funding and ensure that the special needs of our districts are reflected in waivers, exemptions and other legislative provisions.



SSDA Accomplishments:

- Changed the law for DIR reporting and certified payroll reporting for small school districts 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
- Helped facilitate applications for small districts to obtain State grant funding to replace old school buses with electric and other clean technology vehicles.
- Ensures 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.
- Makes sure the State considers appropriate adjustments in establishing the College and Career Readiness Indicator to enable implementation by small school districts.
- Established SSDA’s reputation as the first point of reference by policy makers on all issues impacting small school districts.
- 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.

Elite County Office of Education Membership

County Offices of Education (COEs) are given the opportunity to further support their small school districts by joining at the Elite Level. **When a COE joins at the Elite Level, each small school district within their county will receive 50% off their basic membership. Additionally, the County Office receives one (1) free registration to the Annual Spring Conference.** SSDA/Capitol Advisors Group, if requested, will also provide updates from Sacramento at your monthly superintendents’ meeting via a conference call to keep you up to date with the happenings in Sacramento.

COE Elite Membership annual dues are as follows:

- ◆ **1-10 Small Districts: \$5,000**
- ◆ **11-25 Small Districts: \$10,000**
- ◆ **26+ Small Districts: \$15,000**

As you know there is strength in numbers, and SSDA continues to be the voice of small school districts and the only organization solely committed to supporting their unique needs. Our effectiveness with lobbying strengthens greatly with membership.

COE Membership Application

COE BASIC MEMBERSHIP

COE ELITE MEMBERSHIP

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: _____

COE Membership Options

# of DISTRICTS	BASIC COE MEMBERSHIP	ELITE COE MEMBERSHIP
1-10	\$1,300	\$5,000
11-25	\$1,300	\$10,000
26+	\$1,300	\$15,000

REMEMBER: All small districts within an Elite COE county receive 50% off their Basic District Memberships and a reduced rate on their Package Plan District Memberships