



Small School Districts' Association

2020-2021
DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP

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



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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 District:

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
- Wednesday Afternoon Superintendent Round Tables
- Superintendent Summits
- Spring Annual Conference
- Eye On Education Collaborative
- Social Media — Facebook & Twitter

"SSDA is responsive to and understands the unique challenges and needs of small school districts. With SSDA, you have a state-wide champion, partner, and voice. Their formidable and connected team is relentless in their advocacy for small school districts. What I appreciate most, is like the 'smalls' they serve, SSDA, is innovative, nimble, and solutions orientated. They get it done."

**Marcy M. Guthrie, Ed.D.,
Superintendent
Mother Lode Union School District**

"Without the leadership of SSDA, the voice of small school districts in California would be drowned out by the large urban districts. SSDA provides critical leadership and advocacy for all small school districts in Sacramento. I often hear about important issues that impact my district and receive vital resources from the SSDA leadership and membership network before my non-member colleagues. In today's school environment, SSDA membership is an investment that pays dividends."

**Dr. Amy Alzina
Superintendent/Principal
Cold Spring School District**

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.
- Subscription to CCAP's monthly newsletter with legal updates
- Exclusive SSDA-only virtual office hours for technical support

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 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.