



**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**

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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](mailto: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 "X" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2021 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
SUBREGION 6-B  
(Sacramento County)

Number of vacancies: 5 (Vote for no more than 5 candidates)

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

*\*denotes incumbent*

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Kelly Kelley (Center Joint USD)

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Lisa Kaplan (Natomas USD)\*

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Chinua Rhodes (Sacramento City USD)

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Ed Short (Folsom Cordova USD)\*

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Only four nomination were received; however your board may vote to write in the name a board member to fill this second seat.

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*Title*

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*School District Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

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

## Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election



**Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2021 | No late submissions accepted**

This form is required. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Do not state "see résumé." Do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that CSBA has received nomination materials prior to the deadline. Please submit completed form via e-mail to [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org) no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2021. Forms may also be submitted via mail to CSBA's Executive Office at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, with a post mark of no later than January 7, 2021.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature:

Kelly Kelley

Digital signature of Kelly Kelley  
DN: cn=Kelly Kelley, o=Center Joint Unified School District,  
ou=Board Trustees, email=kelly\_kelley@centerjuni.org, c=US  
Date: 2020.11.20 11:21:02 -0800

Date: 11/20/20

Name: Kelly Kelley

CSBA Region & subregion #: 06-B

District or COE: Center Joint Unified School District

Years on board: 8

Profession: Analyst

Contact Number ( ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 916.997.4877

Primary E-mail: kkelley@centerusd.org

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.

CSBA provides invaluable support to LEAs, and participating at a deeper level will benefit our District. I currently work for the California Department of Public Health, which gives me a unique perspective and experience in navigating the health and safety of our students and staff. Additionally, I have eleven years of experience working for a school District where I worked with Maintenance & Operations, Finance and Student Services. I am passionate and knowledgeable about education and the management of a District, and this affords me the opportunity to provide my community a valuable service. I'm ready to take that advocacy to a new level.

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

I have participated on the local Board for eight years. I've attended the county CSBA events, reviewed CSBA materials and attended the Annual CSBA conference. I've also represented other organizations such as Girl Scouts, International Association of Administrative Professionals and Classified School Employee's Union as a chapter officer, delegate, national delegate and in other capacities.

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

Recovering from the effect of COVID-19 on school's finances is more than a challenge. However, this crisis also presents significant opportunity to leverage the response resources to advance California schools in many areas such as health, safety, technology, alternative educational delivery systems, and facilities improvement. CSBA is positioned to provide guidance to LEAs on how to take advantage of the available resources and to advocate for more resources that will help our schools be better-prepared for future emergencies as well as improve our every-day educational delivery systems and curricular options.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 5, 2021

Name: Lisa M. Kaplan

CSBA Region & subregion #: 6-B

District or COE: Natomas Unified School District

Years on board: 18

Profession: Education Attorney

Contact Number (☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 916-996-1474

Primary E-mail: kaplan4kids@gmail.com

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2009

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

I firmly believe it is my responsibility to use my knowledge of the law, policy and budget for the greater good to benefit all of Natomas' children, and as a delegate - all children in California. For the past 20 years, I've either worked at the California State Capitol, as a lobbyist or education attorney. This area of expertise and knowledge is so important to effect change at the state level. I also bring a wealth of experience as an active member of Delegate Assembly having served as chair of nominating committee, member of the CSBA Leg committee, member of the governance review team and many other committees. This level of experience is invaluable so I can pass my knowledge and expertise to the next generation of school board members. All together my knowledge and vast experience will serve to benefit CSBA and all our students and that is why I wish to remain a delegate and hope to have your vote.

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

Currently, I'm an attorney and governmental affairs consultant representing school districts, companies specializing in K-12 issues including but not limited to, special education, construction, bond financing, selling surplus property, as well as drafting legislation. As a currently delegate, I participate in delegate meetings, but also attend 2-3 meetings a year with our local Region 6, and as described above - I've served on numerous committees as a delegate. In Natomas, I have served on the facilities planning committee while we were a fast growing district, the district safety committee, budget committee, nutrition committee and have actively volunteered to help pass 4 bonds. For the past 7 years, I've funded a scholarship to provide chromebooks to low-income, foster and homeless students, and actively volunteer at our local food pantry that is run out of one of our high schools.

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

The biggest challenges facing local boards at this moment is tackling the numerous issues as a result of the current pandemic. Most importantly districts are facing hard choices regarding safely reopening schools, making sure the effects of learning disruption are adequately addressed, including the student populations most negatively effected, potential budget cuts, the changing learning atmosphere as a result of distance learning and need to address connectivity and access to technology - and so many other items. As we move beyond this pandemic, CSBA must lead and advocate to fully fund education at a level compriable to other states...not in the bottom 10. It is no longer acceptable to fund education in CA around the 42nd in the Nation. CSBA can continue to push our grass roots plan, and pressure our state leaders to fully fund education. However, that in an of itself is going to be a challenge with the current budget, divergent top priorities of every elected and the fact that the required retirement pre-funding is going to bankrupt many school districts. As a delegate, I look forward to working to resolve these issues.

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Signature: Ed Short

Date: 01/07/2021

Name: Ed Short

CSBA Region & subregion #: 6-B

District or COE: Folsom Cordova USD

Years on board: 18

Profession: Engineer

Contact Number (☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 916- 591-6850

Primary E-mail: eshort@fcusd.org

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2010

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

I believe, I can help make a difference in CSBA's policy making that will positively impact the public education system. Furthermore, the regional connection with other surrounding school board members help me to learn best or bad practices that can be shared with my district.

I feel being a delegate helps increase my effectiveness in advancing public education priorities and my community involvement by increasing my sphere of influence.

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

Fight for educational reform and make sure our teachers have the tools they need to teach and our kids have the resources they need to learn.

Provide equal and relevant educational opportunity which will prepare all our kids for the 21st century and that meet or exceed the needs for local/Regional/Statewide employers.

I am personally involved in local non-profit organizations that support kids in their success in education and lives.

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

#1: Recovering and getting through the impacts by the pandemic is our number one challenge! Coupled with staffing shortages through the track and trace and quarantine requirements. Teacher and resource shortages has been a major challenge to maintain in-person hybrid classes. I believe we can find ways to get kids back to in-person school safely. Keeping our staff and teachers safe as essential workers. CSBA can help districts with the creation of standard safe hybrid plans, advocate to the State that school staff and teachers are essential and possibly creating a pool of substitute teachers that districts can pull from.

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**REGION 6 – 18 Delegates (11 elected/7 appointed)**

**Director: Darrel Woo (Sacramento City USD)**

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

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**Subregion 6-A (Yolo)**

Jackie Wong (Washington USD), term expires 2022

**Subregion 6-B (Sacramento)**

Beth Albiani (Elk Grove USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2021

Michael A. Baker (Twin Rivers USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2021

Nancy Chaires Espinoza (Elk Grove USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2022

Christopher Clark (Folsom-Cordova USD), 2022

Pam Costa (San Juan USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2021

Craig DeLuz (Robla ESD), term expires 2022

Basim Elkarra (Twin Rivers USD), term expires 2021

John Gordon (Galt Joint Union ESD), term expires 2021

Lisa Kaplan (Natomas USD), term expires 2021

Mike McKibbin (San Juan USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2022

Edward (Ed) Short (Folsom-Cordova USD), term expires 2021

Vacant (Sacramento City USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2021

Vacant (Sacramento City USD) ♦, appointed term expires 2022

Vacant, term expires 2021

**Subregion 6-C (Alpine, El Dorado, Mono)**

Misty diVittorio (Placerville Union ESD), term expires 2022

Suzanna George (Rescue Union ESD), term expires 2021

**County Delegate:**

Shelton Yip (Yolo COE), term expires 2022

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**Counties**

Yolo (Subregion A)

Sacramento (Subregion B)

Alpine, El Dorado, Mono (Subregion C)