

Conference Group on County Student Issues

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What is a “conference” group?



Emerging common use and understanding of the word “conference”

- **An event, such as the CSBA Annual “Conference.”**
- **A group of people and organizations who are affiliated by a common role or interest such as the “Conference” of State Legislatures.**

What Conference Groups have been created?



- **Conference Group Model proposed by CSBA Bylaws Committee**
- **Approved by Board of Directors in 2005**
- **Five Groups:**
 - **American Indian Student Issues**
 - **Asian Pacific Islander Student Issues**
 - **Black Student Issues**
 - **Hispanic Student Issues**
 - **County Board Student Issues**

Why were the Conference Groups created?



- Reinforce CSBA commitment to diversity.
- Provide a sustainable structure for CSBA member districts and county offices of education to collaborate on improving the academic achievement of targeted groups of students and closing the academic achievement gap.

How will the Conference Groups work to close the achievement gap?



- Identify and study the issues that impact American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander, Black and Hispanic students and their communities.
- Identify and study the student issues that are important to county boards.
- Define long-term goals, short-term objectives and action plans to address these issues.
- Monitor and evaluate progress toward the achieving the Conference Group's goals.

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Our Purpose today

- Share data and information about County Offices of Education

Desired Outcome

- Get your input on how to structure this Conference Group to effectively address the interests of County Offices of Education and County Boards.

What are our long-term goals?



CSBA Goal

Improve the academic achievement of all students and close the achievement gaps.

In order to do this, we must accelerate the academic achievement of our lower achieving students.

Conference Group Goals and Plan of Action 2006 – 2008



*How can we use the Conference
Group to achieve these goals?*

What do we need to do?

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What we don't want or need:

- Another task force
- Another conference
- Another study or report

What we envisioned:

- A consortium of districts and county offices of education that will work and learn together and share their lessons learned.
- Collaboration and partnerships with other groups including research, higher education, etc.

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- **What do you need to know and be able to do to accelerate the academic achievement of low achieving students your county?**

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Next Steps:

- *Spring 2006 - First meeting of consortium working group*
- *Use our discussion today and other feedback and information to design this first meeting and future activities.*
- *Begin to identify short term objectives and benchmarks*

What can you do?



Get involved in the Conference Group on County Board Student Issues:

- **Directors-at-Large will form a working “steering” committee to provide direction for this Conference Group.**
- **Go back to your districts and county offices of education, share this information, get them involved in the consortium.**
- **Look for future communications from CSBA.**
- **Attend future Conference Group events**



***Questions, comments,
suggestions?***

***Thank you for attending the
Inauguration of the
Conference Group on
County Board Student Issues.***



- **Contact: Jo Ann Yee, Director, Urban Education and Outreach, CSBA at jyee@csba.org.**
- **This power point presentation will be available on the CSBA Website: www.csba.org**