



REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

January 31, 2026
MEMORANDUM

To: CSBA Member Boards and Even-numbered County Board Presidents and Superintendents
From: Dr. Debra Schade, CSBA President
Re: 2026 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 16**

CSBA is transitioning to an all-electronic voting process, beginning with an electronic “option” this year and moving to all-electronic voting in 2027. For those wishing to submit an electronic ballot this year, an email with the unique link to your ballot is sent to the primary contact on file with CSBA for your district or county office on February 1, 2026. Electronic ballot submissions still require board action as described in this memo, however no mailing is required. If both a paper ballot and electronic ballot are submitted, only the electronic ballot will be counted.

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) listing the candidates, 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 if your district or county board chooses to submit a paper ballot. Ballots must be submitted electronically or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 16, 2026.**

Your Board may vote for up to the number of seats to be filled in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three seats up for election, 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 or county office must be clearly printed in the space provided.

The paper ballot must be signed by the Board President, Board Clerk, or Superintendent as a designee of the board, and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district’s or county office’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, and ballots will need to be postmarked on or before April 30. Results will be published by May 11, 2026.

For County Boards of Education Only:

County boards of education may receive up to two emails with unique links for electronic voting: one for their subregion ballot and one for their regional county Delegate ballot, if applicable.

Per Standing Rule 52, in regions with more than one county, each county board of education has one vote to elect the county board member who represents the county board(s) in the region in the Delegate Assembly. One-county regions will appoint the county Delegate. Your county board may vote for only one candidate to fill the Delegate position representing the county boards within your region. Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly of the county board representative from your region. It consists of 1) the ballot (on GREEN paper) listing the candidates, the reverse side of which contains the name of the current member of the Delegate Assembly representing the county boards in your region; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume. In addition, also provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. **Only the ballot on GREEN paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA if your county board chooses to submit a paper ballot. Like the ballot on red paper for the other Delegate seats in your region, it must be submitted electronically or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 16, 2026.**

The paper ballot on GREEN paper must be signed by the Board President, Board Clerk, or by the County Superintendent, as a designee of the board, and returned in the enclosed envelope. If the envelope is misplaced, you may use your county office's stationery. Please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope along with the region 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, and ballots will need to be postmarked by April 30. The results for the county board seat in each region will also be published by May 11, 2026.

All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Office at nominations@csba.org should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
 Ballot on green 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