



# ABOUT CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION

County boards govern California's 58 county offices of education, which provide services directly to students as well as support nearly 1,000 school districts serving 6 million K-12 students.

## 1 County board members are individually elected by the community they serve



- Each county office of education (COE) is governed by a county board
- The county board represents the community's diverse beliefs and values
- County school board members are residents of the county they serve and come from all walks of life — doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, real estate agents and more

## 3 County boards serve the community



- Listening to their ideas
- Collaborating with the superintendent and engaging the community so that the vision, goals and policies of the COE can be implemented
- Making student achievement a priority
- Maintaining a cooperative and supportive working relationship with local school districts, their school boards and the communities
- Advocating on important K-12 policy issues for all students

## 2 County boards govern at board meetings



- Adopting courses of study for COE programs including juvenile schools, community schools, and ROC/P programs
- Approving COE Local Control Accountability Plans
- Adopting and monitoring COE budgets
- Setting the salary of the county superintendent
- Taking action on student appeals for discipline and inter-district transfers
- Taking action on charter school petitions and appeals
- Adopting policies to ensure that a safe and appropriate education environment is provided for all its students
- Actively listening to public comments

## 4 County board members give the gift of time



- Preparing for and attending COE board meetings
- Responding to constituents
- Participating in board training and development
- Attending community events

**To learn more about your county board of education or attend an upcoming meeting, contact a county board member or the county superintendent's office.**

