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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Mr. Greg Larson • Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Student Trustee: Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus

RESOLUTION #25-18
ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION (ACCBE)

WHEREAS, County Boards of Education are enshrined in the California Constitution, and as such are constitutional offices. The 58 county boards have played an integral role in education since their creation commencing in 1860.

WHEREAS, in addition to the appellate role that they play, County Boards have led important educational reform, promoted innovative measures for County Offices of Education, insured fiscal integrity of County offices, and promoted critical policy changes to benefit California's students, including the most vulnerable, at promise, children.

WHEREAS, it is important for County Board members to have a strong independent voice to advocate for the critical needs of students, and communities they serve. County Offices and Boards of Education play uniquely vital roles, impacting every school and student across California. Their responsibilities encompass supporting students and families facing significant challenges, including those in programs for students with disabilities, early childhood education, foster and homeless youth, and court and community and need a statewide representative voice.

WHEREAS, creating and supporting the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) strengthens our ability to advocate for the needs of County Offices of Education and provides additional support for public education statewide. Establishing ACCBE as a statewide county board organization brings a unified, strong voice representing the unique interests of County Boards on issues impacting County Offices of Education and provides a vehicle to advocate for the needs of students we serve, ensuring these needs are not overlooked in the legislative process. As a dedicated advocate for students, this organization will join other educational organizations to champion public schools and adequate funding.

WHEREAS, County Boards similarly have a proactive future focused mission on behalf of California's family and children, especially at promise families and children.

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May 15, 2025

WHEREAS, the primary objectives and purposes of ACCBE shall be the improvement of public education by supporting the work of California County Boards of Education and their members and advocating on their behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education will join the Association of California County Boards of Education as an institutional member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Santa Cruz County Board of Education will encourage its board members to play leadership roles in this important association.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 15th day of May, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Estrada, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Acosta



Abel Sanchez, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools