

# Special Topic: Literacy in Action

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**April 23rd 7 - 8:30 pm**

ACCBE - For County Boards by County Boards

**Please introduce yourself in the chat:**

**Name, County, Role (e.g., Trustee, Superintendent, President)**

**In a second chat put: What is the Literacy rate in your county?**

**In a third chat put: What questions are you coming into this training with?**

# AGENDA

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## Opening & Closing

- Welcome, overview, evaluation, upcoming events — *5 minutes*

## Section 1: California Overview / Big Picture — 15 minutes

- California data
- Current literacy initiatives
- New legislation

Q&A 5 min

## Section 2: Local Initiative Examples — 36 minutes

- Shasta COE Literacy Initiatives — *12 minutes*
- Sacramento County Reads — *12 minutes*
- Sacramento Literacy Foundation — *12 minutes*

Q&A 5 min

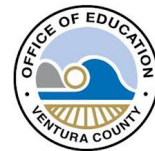
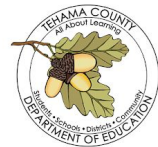
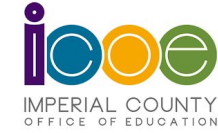
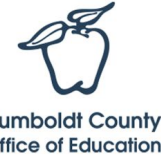
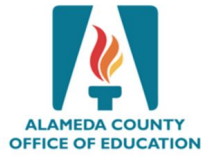
## Section 3: Open Discussion & Q&A — 10 minutes

- Discussion: Role of COE Board Members
- Audience Q&A

**Evaluation and upcoming events** 5 minutes

**Total Time: 90 minutes**

# 45 members strong!



# ACCBE: BY COUNTY BOARDS FOR COUNTY BOARDS

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***Mission:*** ACCBE empowers County Board Members to be confident advocates for all students.

***Vision:*** ACCBE, as the leading voice for California's County Boards of Education, improves outcomes for students, families and communities.

# ACCBE PILLARS

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**Advocate & Amplify:** ACCBE is solely dedicated to develop and advocate on legislative and policy issues for county boards of education, ensuring a unified and strong voice representing the unique interest of County Boards on issues impacting County Offices of Education.



**Partnerships for Success:** ACCBE is committed to building a strong partnership with the California Superintendents Association, and coalitions with other allied groups to leverage resources and expertise in support of student success.



**Engage, Elevate, & Empower:** ACCBE builds leadership capacity within County Boards, fostering collaboration and peer support.



**Forward-Looking:** ACCBE focuses on innovation solutions to address the evolving challenges/changes in education.

# Laura Manuel

## Shasta County Board of Education Trustee

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Laura Manuel is in her 12th year serving on the Shasta County Board of Education. She was chair of the board's literacy initiative subcommittee. Laura had a 35-year career in newspaper journalism. Her connections to schools in Shasta County have been as a reporter, parent and county board member.

# Becky Sullivan

## Director, Sacramento COE

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Becky Sullivan is a veteran educator with 35 years of experience advancing literacy across classroom, district, and state levels. She serves as Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Sacramento County Office of Education, where she leads literacy initiatives and educator training programs.

She previously directed a statewide literacy grant supporting early reading success and was recognized as a California Reading Hero (2023) by the California Reading Coalition.

Becky has contributed to statewide education policy, including work with the California State Board of Education Curriculum Commission and co-chairing the ELA/ELD Framework. She regularly presents at national conferences and is committed to improving literacy outcomes for all students.

# ACCBE's Knowledge To Action

Regional In-Person 1.5 Day Conferences



## Upcoming Events

Register at EventBrite:

[Northern CA - Ukiah - Mendocino COE](#)

**Northern California - Mendocino COE - Ukiah - May 16 - 17, 2026**

ACCBE Registration to offset food and conference expenses:

\$99 for a County Board of Education's 1st attendee

\$79 for the 2nd attendee

\$59 for the 3rd attendee

FREE for the 4th attendee

\$59 for each additional attendee

Pricing applies for attendees from the same ACCBE Member County BOE

Non-ACCBE Member Registration Fee - \$200 each attendee

Lodging Information: Registrants are encouraged to book the hotel of their choice.

Register at Eventbrite: [\*\*ACCBE Knowledge To Action Regional Conference - Northern CA\*\*](#)

### Who Should Attend?

All County Board of Education Members, Student Board Representatives and Superintendents.

These events are designed to help you connect, learn, and lead with impact.

**Trustees are invited to attend any or all three conferences**

### What To Expect...

Your thoughts are meaningful to us - please fill out our evaluation form with the link below

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[Click Here or find the link to the evaluation in the chat](#)

# Upcoming Trainings - February and March

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- April 28, 2026, 7 PM, **Special Topic: County Board Role in Building Whole Child Supports.** Presenters: Elizabeth Estes, Esq., Founder & Director, Breaking Barriers California and Diana Boyer, Managing Director of Research and Policy Development, California Welfare Directors Association.
- May 6, 2026, 12-1 PM **Building Trustee Excellence: COE Budgets.** Presenter Misty Key, Deputy Superintendent, Ventura County Office of Education
- June 10, 2026, 7 PM **Special Topics: Running for Office.** Presenter: Terry Mcateer, Retired Supt of Inyo County and Nevada County, Professor of Political Science

Register on the **EVENTS** Page at [ACCBE.org](https://accbe.org)