

UCLA Report: Improving CA Alternative Education System

June 10th | 12 - 1:15 PM

Please introduce yourself in the chat: Name, County, Role (ex. Trustee, Superintendent, President, etc.), and give a brief example of an effective program having impacts on CCS youth.



Agenda

Welcome & Introductions – 4 mins

ACCBE & RAPSA Overview – 4 mins

Session Goals – 1 min

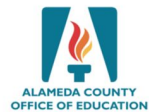
UCLA Report Briefing – 20 mins

Discussion & Q&A – 10 mins

Superintendent Reflections – 30 mins

**Upcoming Opportunities and Closing
Remarks – 5 mins**

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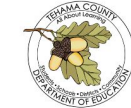
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Advocate & Amplify: ACCBE is solely dedicated to develop and advocate on legislative and policy issues for county boards of education, ensuring a unified and strong voice representing the unique interest of County Boards on issues impacting County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



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



Executive Director & Co-Founder, UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools, co-author of the report

Joseph Bishop

Dr. John Bishop is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Center for the Transformation of Schools at UCLA, where he leads research focused on educational equity and student-centered school reform. His work addresses issues such as school climate, community schools, teacher development, school finance, and support for underserved student populations. As a recognized education policy leader, he has held numerous state and national leadership roles and has been featured in major media outlets including NPR, the Los Angeles Times, and Education Week.





Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Placer County

Susan Connolly – Fox

Susan Connolly-Fox has over thirty years of experience working in the field of alternative and special education. She currently is the Associate Superintendent of Student Services for the Placer County Office of Education. She oversees multiple county-operated programs, including the regional special education program, the Placer County Court School and the Placer County Community School. Additionally, she serves as a board member for the Placer County Behavioral Health Advisory Board and is a part of the California Practitioners Advisory Group.



Superintendent, Yolo County

Garth Lewis

Dr. Garth Lewis serves as the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools. He was elected to his first term as county superintendent in 2018 and was re-elected to his second term in 2022. He is the first African-American to be elected as county superintendent in Yolo County. Dr. Lewis has served as an educator in Yolo County for 20+ years and has a 29-year career in K-12 education. Superintendent Lewis has served as a paraeducator, teacher, site and district administrator, and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Equity at the Yolo County Office of Education.

Closing: Share Your Takeaway — The Work Continues With You

1 Chat Prompt — Drop ONE

Takeaway

What is one insight, idea, or commitment you are taking from today's session back to your work with CCS youth?

2 Thank You to Our RAPSA

Partners

Your collaboration makes this professional learning community stronger.

3 Remember Our 4 Pillars

Advocacy,
Capacity Building,
Collaboration, Best
Practices.

4 Final Message

The young people in our CCS programs need us to stay curious, stay connected, and stay committed. Thank you for being in this room today.



Evaluations

We look forward to hearing
from you!

Your thoughts are
meaningful to us –
please fill out our
evaluation form
with this [link](#) or
find it in the chat

What's Coming Next

CCS DEEP DIVE SESSION

TODAY

Welcome, ACCBE & RAPSA alignment, UCLA Report findings



Dedicated session exploring program evaluation frameworks, data tools, and evidence-based approaches for CCS settings

RAPSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(4-6 Nov San Diego)

Deep-dive professional learning, cross-county networking, featured sessions on CCS youth best practices

EVALUATION LAUNCH

Rollout of a shared CCS evaluation toolkit enabling counties to measure and improve outcomes

Call to Action: Stay Connected



Upcoming Events

- June 11, 2026, 7 PM **Special Topics: Running for Office.**
Presenter: Terry Mcateer,
Retired Supt of Inyo County
and Nevada County,
Professor of Political Science

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**Beyond One-Size-Fits-All
Education Approaches:**
Rethinking California's
Alternative Education System

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