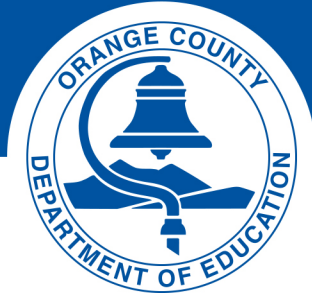


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Educators, law enforcement to convene in OC for school safety conference Three-day event offers 54 breakout sessions highlighting trends and best practices

More than 500 educators, school workers and law enforcement representatives will have the opportunity to choose from 54 workshops addressing critical school safety issues during the 10th annual Safe Schools Conference, which will take place Wednesday, July 17 through Friday, July 19 at Delta Hotels Anaheim Garden Grove.

Presented by former California Secretary of Education Dave Long through his firm, Dave Long & Associates, in collaboration with the Orange County Department of Education and the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the three-day event is designed to promote best practices and increased collaboration between the education community and law enforcement.

This year's conference is expected to draw administrators, school board members, counselors, police officers, youth service workers and other school and community leaders interested in learning more about student safety, as well as its impact on school attendance and academic performance. Breakout sessions will cover a range of topics including bullying, social media trends, dropout prevention, active shooter response, gang intervention, drug prevention, mental health, human trafficking and services for foster youth.

This year's keynote speakers are memory expert Luis Angel Echeverria, who will speak to the power of retaining information; retired California Highway Patrol Sgt. Kevin Briggs, who will present on crisis management, leadership and suicide prevention; and Riverside County Supervising District Attorney Gerry Lopez, whose presentation will focus on building positive and healthy relationships with young people, including at-risk youth. Echeverria is set to speak on the first day of the conference, followed by Briggs on July 18 and Lopez on July 19.

In addition, Officer Clay Rinker, a school resource officer with the Irvine Police Department, and Mike Beekman, executive director of Safety and Student Services for the Capistrano Unified School District, will be honored as the 2019 recipients of the Distinguished Safe Schools Award.

Delta Hotels Anaheim Garden Grove is located at 12021 Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, visit safeschoolsconference.com.

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