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## *A Message from the OCSBA President – Sharon Wallin*

Every school year brings changes, challenges and accomplishments. We will be trying to get our bearings as we experience sweeping change in education funding and the implementation of Common Core along with new assessments. In addition, we certainly can't hide from a world driven by technology. Increased use of technology as a teaching tool will enhance the learning experience for every student. Finding the resources to provide the technology will be an enormous undertaking.

The task list is long but California's educational transformation is real. I hope Orange County School Boards Association will facilitate conversations that will be worthwhile and valuable to our member districts. We are a county of gifted teachers, inspirational administrators, exceptional board members and of course, students who are eager to learn.

With patience, support and persistence we will move forward to ensure our students receive the world-class education they deserve. We will rise to the occasion as we always do. We can do this!

*Sharon Wallin*

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## **OCSBA Networking Reception and CSBA Annual Education Conference**



OCSBA will once again host a reception for Orange County board members and district administrators on **Thursday, December 5, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** at the CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego, CA at the Marriott Marquis and Marina



Reception graciously sponsored by





## Welcome New Superintendent

**GABRIELA MAFI, Ed.D. – Garden Grove Unified School District**

The Garden Grove Unified School District has selected one of their own, Gabriela Mafi, as their new Superintendent. Before joining the Garden Grove Unified School District in 2002 as the principal of Rosita Elementary, Dr. Mafi held administrative positions as an assistant principal, district coordinator, and curriculum writer, and as a teacher at various levels. She left the district for one year to assume the role of executive director of the Ed.D. program at USC's Rossier School of Education, where she has served for a decade as an adjunct professor. Upon her return to the Garden Grove Unified School District, she served as director of personnel, director of 7-12 instructional services, and assistant superintendent of secondary education.

A first-generation college graduate, Mafi grew up in urban Los Angeles. She received her bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach and her master's and doctorate degrees in urban educational leadership from USC. She and her husband, a high school English teacher, are the parents of a son and daughter, who are pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees in the San Francisco area.



Three years ago, The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce released *Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018*. The report was well received and it has helped Americans connect the dots between employment opportunities and specific education and training choices.

The Center has released an update *Help Wanted, [Recovery: Job Growth and Education Requirements through 2020](#)*. As did its predecessor, *Recovery* projects job creation and education requirements. National job growth by industry and occupation, as well as state-by-state forecasts are included. In addition, the report highlights the competencies that will be necessary to succeed in the economy to come. For instance *Recovery* finds that judgment/decision-making, communications, analysis, and administration will be the four most in-demand skills for workers.

Major *Recovery* findings include:

- There will be 55 million job openings in the economy through 2020, 24 million of which will be new job openings while the remaining 31 million jobs will be available as a result of baby boomer retirements.
- Almost two-thirds (65%) of all jobs in the economy will require postsecondary education and/or training beyond high school.
- Just 36 percent of the new job openings will not require education beyond high school.
- Thirty percent of these job openings will require some level of postsecondary education, and 35 percent of these job openings will be available to college graduates.
- The study projects that by 2020 the United States will fall short by 5 million workers with postsecondary education, if the current education completion rates remain steady.

You can request a print copy of the report by sending your full name and mailing address to [cewgeorgetown@georgetown.edu](mailto:cewgeorgetown@georgetown.edu). An electronic copy is available at <http://cew.georgetown.edu/recovery2020/>.

According to the 2013 KIDS COUNT Data Book, child poverty is on the rise. But despite the challenges that come with poverty, children are still making educational and health gains. The Data Book, produced annually by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, tracks 16 indicators of child well-being.

It is well documented that the early years of a child's development set the stage for the child's future success in school and in life. With child poverty estimated at 23 percent, the study makes the case that early childhood interventions, like pre-kindergarten, can make a difference in children's success in school. KIDS COUNT found that in the U.S., 54 percent of 3- and 4-year-olds were not enrolled in preschool.

Poverty is even higher for the very youngest children—26 percent for children under age 3. Early intervention can help to offset some of the potentially negative outcomes of living in poverty. The KIDS COUNT report highlights a two-generation approach of supporting parents, given the influence they have on their children, in addition to providing high-quality experiences for children. Programs like Head Start offer comprehensive services to children, pregnant women, and their families.

For more information go to: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/publications/databook/2013>



## SAVE THE DATES!



### **ACSA Region XVII/OCSBA Joint Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Irvine Marriott

**\*PAGE MEETING WILL BE 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.**, Networking 6:00, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### **OCSBA Reception at CSBA Annual Conference**

Thursday, December 5, 2013 – 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina

### **Fiscal Update Meeting**

Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., Orange County Department of Education

### **ACSA Region XVII/OCSBA Joint Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014, Irvine Marriott, PAGE Meeting 5:30, Networking 6:00, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### **OCSBA Annual Dinner Meeting/2014-2015 Board Elections**

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Irvine Marriott PAGE Meeting 5:30, Networking 6:00, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

### **Fiscal Update Meeting**

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., Orange County Department of Education



**Joint ACSA Region XVII/OCSBA  
Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013  
Irvine Marriott Hotel



**PAGE ~ 4:15 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Networking ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.**



**Dinner Speaker**

**Aaron Kushner**

Publisher  
Orange County Register

*presents*

**“The Nexus Between Education  
and Newspapers”**

**How the Next Generation of the  
Orange County Register Is Working to  
Strengthen Orange County and  
Help Our School System**

The Orange County Register aims to build deeper and broader engagement and support to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of our school districts and community colleges. In 2010, Kushner founded the holding company 2100 Trust, LLC. which completed the acquisition of Freedom in 2012. The 2100 Trust name was derived from Kushner’s belief in newspapers’ long-term future and their fundamental strength as community institutions. Kushner is responsible for the ongoing development and execution of Freedom’s business model, which focuses on serving subscribers and the community in new ways, and improving the quality of content across all print and digital platforms.

**Marian Bergeson Award  
Presentation**

*Honoring a school board member for  
outstanding governing board and community  
service to promote and  
enhance public education.*

**Extended PAGE Meeting – 4:15 to 6:00 p.m.**

**California School Boards  
Association (CSBA)**

*presents*

**“Local Control Funding Formula”  
(LCFF)**

CSBA is hosting regional events throughout the state to provide an overview of the LCFF and the details of its implementation, including what governance teams must do now to prepare for developing their Local Control Accountability Plans. CSBA’s team of experts will provide information on funding targets, program requirements, collective bargaining impacts and more.

**This PAGE workshop will be from  
4:15 to 6:00 p.m.**

***Thank You SchoolsFirst***

*We extend our sincere gratitude to SchoolsFirst for their support of this Joint ACSA Region XVII/OCSBA Dinner Meeting. Through partnership with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, ACSA and OCSBA are able to discount dinner prices from \$52.00 per person to \$32.00.*



**Reservation Information:**

Reservations should be made through your District Superintendent’s Office.

**Reservation Deadline:**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2013**