

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: **Community Relations**

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of community relations and for supporting all students in the district academically, socially, and emotionally. This includes seeking ways our district can help support students by seeking to provide items of need for students as well.

STATUS:

MJ's Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity formed during the 2018-2019 school year in response to needs at our local high schools and middle schools. The project began to specifically help supply female students with feminine products who did not have adequate access and were missing school as a result. It has expanded to help provide shoes, clothing, backpacks and other basic hygiene supplies for female and male students. They have provided assistance to students at some of our schools as well with their outreach.

Though Assembly Bill 10, passed in 2017 mandates schools with at least 40% of their students below the poverty threshold provide feminine sanitary products in restrooms, we do not have any schools in our district that qualify. However, we do have these supplies available to students at our two middle schools. MJ's Project supplies would be a welcome addition to what we currently have available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal III – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Establish and maintain consistent and effective communication that is transparent and timely in an effort to provide and receive information that will engage and educate our District and community.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board listen to the presentation provided by MJ's Project.

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Local teen seeks donations for students in need

By **Mackenzie Myers**

During the first week of school, a Ponderosa High School freshman who goes by MJ noticed a classmate was wearing the same beat-up, worn-out pair of shoes he wore all last year. Seeing the shoes were in even worse shape than last spring, MJ approached the boy.

"I gave him the shoes off my feet and wore his," she said Tuesday, highlighting one of the catalysts to MJ's Project, a donation collection-and-distribution project she runs with her mother, Nicole Gardea.

MJ and Gardea have been collecting clothing and hygiene items for high schoolers in the area for the last few weeks, they said. So far, donations have included things like shoes, clothes, pads, tampons, deodorant, brushes, combs, toothpaste, floss and towels.

Gardea and MJ collect the items at donation drives, or from individual community members who drop them off and then distribute to schools in the area. They've taken items to locations in Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Placerville and Pollock Pines, including El Dorado, Union Mine and Independence high schools.

Gardea has run two drives in Folsom earlier this month and — from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at Walmart in Placerville — will hold another drive, since all their items have been given away, except a single box of sanitary napkins.

Dealing with menstrual periods while in a low-income situation was another catalyst for the project. Gardea and her daughters fled a severe domestic violence situation in Modesto and moved to El Dorado Hills, living on welfare, which left little money for pads and tampons.

MJ went to her school office when she got her period, but was told she could only take two tampons, even though she didn't have any at home and had no money to buy more.

Sometimes, girls miss class because they can't afford items to use while they're menstruating, Gardea pointed out.

Though Assembly Bill 10, passed in 2017, mandates certain schools provide feminine sanitary products in restrooms, the bill only applies to schools with 40 percent of their students below the poverty threshold. In El Dorado County, El Dorado High is the only qualifying school, Gardea said, meaning girls at other schools are often on their own, even if their families can't afford the products.

Parents don't want their kids to speak up about being low-income, Gardea said, because parents are afraid their kids will be taken away. Gardea suspects schools lack a stock of supplies, and even turn away donations, because they aren't aware of their students' needs.

For example, Gardea said staff at Oak Ridge High School said they didn't need any of the items she was dropping off. Later, two Oak Ridge students reached out to Gardea by phone requesting products they needed.



A local high schooler who goes by MJ is collecting hygiene and clothing items for peers in need. Courtesy photo

student who wished to remain anonymous said the school does keep a box of tampons in it quickly and sometimes aren't restocked until the next week.

have anything," the student said. "They'd go to office and the office didn't have anything, and I didn't have anything."

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MJ said even on a student-to-student basis, the kids who often have to go without tend to keep their needs under wraps. But she recalled seeing certain students stop coming to class because they're not equipped.

"Some people don't come to school because of their needs," MJ said. "You'll see a kid without shoes one day. Then he's not there the next day, not there the next day."

For MJ, maintaining a sense of anonymity and confidentiality is paramount to the project. She hopes to make posters and ask schools to hang them in the bathrooms so students can reach out for supplies on their own terms, without having to ask their parents or go to the school. Both MJ and Gardea said recipients' names or photos will never be given out without their permission.

"I know how it is when you're struggling," MJ said. "If you do come to us, we're not going to say anything."

In addition to posters, the women of MJ's Project hope to print flyers and make t-shirts to wear while they're running donation drives in the community. Other short-term goals include collecting enough items to maintain a steady stock, and collaborating with businesses willing to facilitate donation drives.

Long-term, MJ's Project is working toward nonprofit status, though 501(c)3 paperwork involves a complicated, 20-page application and a \$500 fee, Gardea said. The group would also like to provide a place for kids to do their laundry one day since some students are living out of their vehicles and have no way to wash the items they're given.

The main objective right now, though, is getting the word out and assuring donation recipients they will remain anonymous.

"I'll take (items) to them," Gardea said. "They can come get it. I'll put it in the planter outside. I don't really care how they get it, as long as they get it."

The other challenge? Asserting there is a need for these types of services in El Dorado Hills, Folsom and other local communities often viewed as affluent. For those who don't believe there are local kids in need, MJ and Gardea say they should talk directly to youth.

"Ask your students," Gardea said. "Ask your students, then get back to me."

Businesses or community members wishing to get involved in MJ's Project can call (916) 718-8198 or email mjsprojectoutreach@gmail.com. Updates, including drop-off locations and scheduled drives, are listed on the group's Facebook page, "Mjs Project".



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DATE: August 13, 2019

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: CSBA Call for Nominations for 2019 Legislative Awards

BACKGROUND:

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) annually honors current members of the State Senate and Assembly who work actively to improve our public schools, support local school board governance and who exercise leadership in the legislative arena.

STATUS:

Local boards are encouraged to participate in this program by nominating a member of the California State Legislature, the California Congressional delegation or federal/state elective or appointed office for CSBA's 2019 Legislator Awards Program. Nominees must be from within district boundaries. Nominations must be received by September 5, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider nominations for CSBA's 2019 Legislative Awards.

Official Nomination Form



- Outstanding Legislator Award Outstanding Freshman Award Special Recognition Award

Nominations must be postmarked or received by **Sept. 5, 2019**

Nominee

State or Federal Position Held

Explain below why this person should be honored. Your comments should address award criteria provided on the following page and include the nominee's involvement in state, federal and local public education (attachments may be used).

Nominating Entity

Contact Name

Telephone

Email

Address

street

city

state

zipcode

Instructions: You may submit your nomination for the 2019 Legislative Awards by mail, fax, or online in the following ways:

mail to

CSBA 2019 Legislative Awards Program, 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

All submissions must be postmarked by Sept. 5, 2019.

fax to

(916) 325-4030. Submissions must be received by **Sept. 5, 2019.**

online at

www.csba.org. Submissions must be made by **Sept. 5, 2019.**

notes

- » Nominations postmarked after Sept. 5, 2019 cannot be considered.
- » Nomination forms are to be submitted by a local school board or county board of education only and must be typed or printed.
- » A resolution adopted by the board or board minutes showing the vote must be included (see criteria on reverse).
- » A separate nomination form must be used for each candidate and only current year nominations are accepted.
- » **The CSBA Board of Directors makes the final decision on awards, including whether or not to make an award, depending on the Nominee's (or Legislature's) statements made or actions taken on the state budget or other key issues critical to CSBA. Because the outcome of each nomination is unknown until the Board of Directors announces a decision, it is recommended that each nomination(s) not be made public until official notification by CSBA.**

2019 Legislative Awards Program

Award Criteria



CSBA 2019 Legislative Awards Program, 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, (800) 266-3382

Each Outstanding Legislator award nominee must:

1. Be a member of the California State Legislature or the California Congressional delegation at the time of nomination
2. Demonstrate significant commitment and legislative contributions to public education
3. Demonstrate legislative leadership on behalf of public education
4. Recognize and support local governance for schools including the role of governing boards
5. Support key K–12 legislative proposals
6. Support CSBA's Legislative Platform (www.csba.org/Advocacy/CSBAPositions/PolicyPlatform)
7. Be active on local school issues and visit K–12 schools regularly
8. Represent nominating school district or county board of education
9. Be endorsed by a documented vote or resolution of a local school or county board in California

Each Outstanding Freshman Legislator award nominee must:

1. Be the first two years of his/her first term in the California State Legislature or the California Congressional delegation at the time of nomination
2. Demonstrate significant commitment and legislative contributions to public education
3. Demonstrate legislative leadership on behalf of public education
4. Recognize and support local governance for schools including the role of governing boards
5. Support key K–12 legislative proposals
6. Support CSBA's Legislative Platform (www.csba.org/Advocacy/CSBAPositions/PolicyPlatform)
7. Be active on local school issues and visit K–12 schools regularly
8. Represent nominating school district or county board of education
9. Be endorsed by a documented vote or resolution of a local school or county board in California

Each Special Recognition award nominee must:

1. Be a member of the California State Legislature or the California Congressional delegation at the time of nomination
2. Exhibit significant contribution to a legislative action on behalf of K-12 education and the public schools in his/her legislative or congressional district
3. Demonstrate commitment to and legislative contributions to public education
4. Recognize and support local governance for schools including the role of governing boards
5. Support CSBA's Legislative Platform (www.csba.org/Advocacy/CSBAPositions/PolicyPlatform)
6. Be active on local school issues and visit K–12 schools regularly
7. Represent nominating school district or county board of education
8. Be endorsed by a documented vote or resolution of a local school or county board in California

Note

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Official Open Nomination Form



Albert S. Rodda Lifetime Achievement Award Dede Alpert Award for Exemplary Education Leadership

Nominations may be submitted at any time of the year.

Nominee

State or Federal Position Held

Explain below why this person should be honored. Your comments should address award criteria provided on the following page and include the nominee's involvement in both state, federal and local public education (attachments may be used).

Nominating Entity

Contact Name

Telephone

Email

Address

street

city

state

zipcode

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mail to

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fax to

(916) 325-4030. Open Submissions

online at

www.csba.org. Open Submissions

notes

- » Nomination forms are to be submitted by CSBA Member Boards, CSBA Regions, County Associations of School Trustees, and must be typed or printed.
- » A resolution adopted by the board or board minutes showing the vote must be included (see criteria on reverse).
- » A separate nomination form must be used for each candidate and only current year nominations are accepted.
- » **The CSBA Board of Directors makes the final decision on awards, including whether or not to make an award, depending on the Nominee's (or Legislature's) statements made or actions taken on the state budget or other key issues critical to CSBA. Because the outcome of each nomination is unknown until the Board of Directors announces a decision, it is recommended that each nomination(s) not be made public until official notification by CSBA.**

2019 Legislative Awards Program

Award Criteria



CSBA 2019 Legislative Awards Program, 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, (800) 266-3382

Each Albert S. Rodda Lifetime Achievement Award nominee must:

1. Be a current or former member of the California State Legislature or the California Congressional delegation, or state or federal elective or appointed office
2. Demonstrate a career-long significant commitment and contribution to public education
3. Demonstrate leadership on behalf of public education
4. Recognize and support local governance for schools including the role of governing boards
5. Support key K–12 legislative policy and fiscal proposals
6. Support CSBA's Legislative Platform (www.csba.org/Advocacy/CSBAPositions/PolicyPlatform)
7. Be endorsed by a documented vote or resolution of a local school or county board in California

Each Dede Alpert Award for Exemplary Education Leadership nominee must:

1. Be a current or former member of the California State Legislature or the California Congressional delegation, or state or federal elective or appointed office
2. Demonstrate a career-long significant commitment and contribution to public education
3. Demonstrate leadership on behalf of public education
4. Recognize and support local governance for schools including the role of governing boards
5. Support key K–12 legislative policy and fiscal proposals
6. Support CSBA's Legislative Platform (www.csba.org/Advocacy/CSBAPositions/PolicyPlatform)
7. Be endorsed by a documented vote or resolution of a local school or county board in California, or a CSBA Region or County Association of School Trustees

Note

The CSBA Board of Directors makes the final decision on awards, including whether or not to make an award, depending on the Nominee's (or Legislature's) statements made or actions taken on the state budget or other key issues critical to CSBA. Because the outcome of each nomination is unknown until the Board of Directors announces a decision, it is recommended that each nomination(s) not be made public until official notification by CSBA.

SAMPLE
School Board Resolution

Nominating Senator/Assembly Member/Representative _____ for the California School Boards Association Outstanding Legislator Award/Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award

NOTE: Use the whereas section to highlight the nominee's legislative history, including leadership roles, committee chairs and/or memberships, legislative accomplishments relating to the nomination, and any other reason this person is being nominated. Sample statements are included below. This sample shows a current Senator who was an Assemblymember and school board member and who is being nominated for Outstanding Legislator.

WHEREAS, <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> served the community of <<Anytown>> as a board member of the <<Anytown Unified School District>> from <<1990 through 1999>>; and

WHEREAS, <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> was elected to the California State <<Assembly/Senate>> in <<2016>>, serving in that body on the <<Education and Appropriations Committees (sample listing of related committee assignments)>> and authored and supported numerous bills that benefited public schools, including but not limited to <<AB/SB 0000>> which provided <<(list benefits)>> to our community; and

WHEREAS, <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> was elected to the California State <<Assembly/Senate>> in <<2016>>, rising to the position of chair of the <<Budget Committee (sample leadership assignment/accomplishment)>> where <<he/she>> spearheaded additional positive measures for our community, such as <<(list of positive measures/impacts)>>; and

WHEREAS, <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> is known throughout the <<99th District>>, as well as right here in <<Anytown>> for <<his/her>> numerous community outreaches and forums, many of which focus on public education; and

WHEREAS, <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> was pivotal in securing state school construction matching funds to assist the <<Anytown Unified School District>> in completing the <<XYZ High School, 123 Middle School and UVW elementary school>>; and

WHEREAS, ; and

WHEREAS, ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the <<(name of school district/county) >> hereby nominates <<Senator/Assemblymember Jane Doe>> for the California School Boards Association 2019 Outstanding Legislator Award/Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted immediately to the California School Boards Association.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the <<(name of school district/county)>> on <<(insert date)>>.

Board President

Board Secretary

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: CSBA Board Member of the Year Award

BACKGROUND:

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) Board Member of the Year is awarded to an individual school board member who exemplifies best practices in effective governance and boardsmanship.

STATUS:

The criteria below identifies attributes of an effective individual trustee as outlined in the *CSBA Professional Governance Standards for School Board Members*.

- Understand their role and follow through on their responsibilities
- Focus on learning and achievement for all students
- Value, support and advocate for public education
- Participate in local, CSBA, state and/or national education activities
- Support the board's adopted Bylaws and Policies
- Recognize and respect differences of perspectives and style on the board and among staff, students, parents and the community
- Act with dignity, and understand the implications of demeanor and behavior
- Adhere to established communication protocols and keep confidential matters confidential
- Participate in CSBA professional development and commit to ongoing education to be an informed and effective leader
- Understand the distinctions between board and staff roles, and refrain from performing management functions that are the responsibility of the superintendent and staff
- Understand that authority rests with the board as a whole and not with individuals

In order to be eligible:

- Each nominee must be a current California public school board member from a district or county office of education
- The nominee's Local Education Agency (LEA) must be a current CSBA member at all times during the nomination and award process
- Current CSBA Officers and Directors are not eligible to apply
- Each LEA can nominate only one individual from a board for the award per year
- Former Board Members of the Year are not eligible to apply again

The nomination narrative should address significant contributions made by the nominee within the last five years, with an emphasis of work accomplished within the last twelve months of service. Nomination will be judged on the information provided by the nominator in the Nomination Entry Form.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 30, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider nominations for CSBA's Board Member of the Year Award.

CSBA: BOARDS MEMBER OF YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

SUBMISSIONS:

Board Member of the Year Nomination forms must be completed using our online nomination form. Questions about the award can be forwarded to awards@csba.org. **Nominations must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2019.**

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- An LEA can submit one (1) nomination per year
- Nomination materials must have sign-off by a Board majority
- Nomination materials are submitted through the CSBA online system
- Nomination materials must have the following three signatures: the nominator, the Board President or Vice-President, and the Superintendent
- Nomination materials must be complete and include all required documentation to be considered; incomplete nominations will not be judged
- Nomination materials must be submitted by the published deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted

SELECTION PROCESS:

Nominations will be judged on the information provided by the nominator in the Nomination Entry.

Each CSBA region will have a Regional Judging Panel identify the top two nominations from the respective region (for a maximum of 42 nominations statewide)

Regional nominations (for a maximum of 42) will be submitted to CSBA for a second round of scoring, to be judged by the Statewide Award Panel which will select the Board Member of the Year

The Board Member of the Year will be notified by CSBA of the award and will receive the Golden Gavel Award and be inducted into the Golden Gavel Hall of **Fame**

INDUCTION INTO THE GOLDEN GAVEL HALL OF FAME:

- The Board Member of the Year will be recognized and presented with an award during the First General Session at CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show
- The Board Member of the Year will be featured in CSBA's California Schools magazine, California School News publication, on the CSBA website and social media
- The Board Member of the Year may be asked to participate in speaking engagements throughout the state at the request of the regional directors or CSBA
- Golden Gavel Hall of Fame inductees are eligible to score nomination materials at the statewide level



CSBA's BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nomination Form

DEADLINE: Complete online at awards.csba.org by **Monday, August 30**. Incomplete, or late submissions will not be accepted for judging.

To nominate a board member, complete all five sections of the Entry Nomination form and collect identified signatures. CSBA will only accept nominations completed using the electronic form. Please email awards@csba.org with any questions you may have. The information provided in the Entry Nomination Form will be used for judging; award consideration will be based on the information provided.

PART 1: NOMINATOR INFORMATION *(All fields required)*

Name of Nominator: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

District or County Office of Education Name: _____ CSBA Member: Yes No

Date of Board Action: _____

County: _____ CSBA Region: _____

How long have you know the Nominee: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

PART 2: NOMINEE INFORMATION *(All fields required)*

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

District or County Office of Education Name: _____ CSBA Member: Yes No

County: _____ CSBA Region: _____

Length of Service on the Board *(year of starting term to year of last or current term)*: _____



PART 3: NOMINEE ACTIVITIES

***Has the nominee participated in local, CSBA, state and/or national activities?** Statewide and national activities are preferred, but not required.

- Yes (if yes, mark all that apply) No
-

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

CSBA ACTIVITIES (Mark all that apply):

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Education Conference and Trade Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Action Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board President's Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters in Governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Service Name the Committee here | <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation for New Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> PAC Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance Consulting Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institute for New and First Term Board Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Institute | |
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STATE-WIDE ACTIVITIES (Preferred but not required.):

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES (Preferred but not required):

PART 4: NOMINEE NARRATIVE *(All fields required)*

1. In brief, why is the nominee deserving of this honor? *(In 250 words or less)*

2. How does the nominee exemplify best practices in effective governance and boardsmanship? *(In 250 words or less)*

3. Please describe significant contributions in which the nominee has made within the last five years, with an emphasis on work accomplished within the last twelve months of service. *(In 250 words or less)*



PART 5: NOMINEE BOARD MEMBER ATTRIBUTES

1. According to the Criteria listed in the Program Guidelines (page 1 to 2), please attach a one-page summary describing the attributes of this Board Member. **Submit attached document using Times New Roman, (no smaller than) 12-point font, and not to exceed ONE page in length and confirm that all relevant signatures have been collected. Incomplete nominations will not be forwarded for judging.**

(Attach summary to this page)

- *SIGNATURE: By Checking This Box, I the nominator, certify that that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby authorize the California School Boards Association to contact my board for verification of this information as necessary. I affirm that the Board President, or the Vice President, and Superintendent have authorized this nominee, with the majority of the Board, to be considered for Board Member of the Year.**

Nominator: _____

Date: _____

Board President **OR** Board Vice President: _____

Superintendent: _____





CSBA's
**BOARD MEMBER
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nomination Timeline

MAY	*NOMINATIONS OPEN May to August 30 <i>Information sent to CSBA member Districts and County Offices of Education</i>
JUNE to JULY	<i>Regional Directors identify Regional Lead Judge and submit name to CSBA (Deadline: Friday, July 19)</i> <i>Regional Lead Judges identified and train Regional Judge Teams</i>
AUGUST	*NOMINATIONS DUE TO CSBA August 30, 2019
SEPTEMBER	<i>Regional Judging process</i>
OCTOBER to NOVEMBER	<i>CSBA coordinates Statewide Judging process</i> ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD WINNERS <i>Regional Top Two Scorers and Board Member of the Year</i>
DECEMBER	<i>Board Member of the Year honored at the CSBA Annual Education Conference during First General Session</i>