



**2018 Outstanding Legislator Award
Official Call for Nominations Form**

For the past several years, CCBE has honored current members of the California Senate and Assembly who actively work to improve our public schools, support local county and school board governance and exercise leadership in the legislative arena.

CCBE encourages county boards to participate in nominating a member of the California State Legislature, the California Congressional delegation or federal/state elective or appointed office for CCBE's 2018 Outstanding Legislator Awards program. The award is bestowed upon a member of the Senate or Assembly who has been actively involved in legislation or legislative activities supporting the work of county offices of education and their programs. Please be sure to include why your legislator is being recognized and share their story explaining how the work they are doing supports county offices of education and our student population, and include photos or supporting articles and/or documentation and information about the problem and solution to the legislation they are supporting.

Nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Legislator Awards program must be received by CCBE no later than **Tuesday, August 28, 2018** to be considered. Include a resolution or written explanation of why the nominated legislator should be honored. It is important that your nomination include as much specific information as possible, and highlight legislation with a direct, beneficial effect on COEs and their students.

Please complete the nomination form and send the documents to Charlyn Tuter at CCBE via email at ctuter@csba.org, by fax at (916) 371-3407, or by mail at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA, 95691. Nominations must be **received** by Charlyn no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018**; nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Nominated Individual Cecilia Aguilar-Curry

County Napa

Description of legislation or legislative activities See attached Resolution 2018-16 and separate letter.

A resolution adopted by the board or board minutes showing the vote must be included. A separate letter must be enclosed to explain why this person should be honored. The letter should address the key evaluation criteria and should summarize the legislator's involvement in public education at both state and local levels.

Nominating County Board Napa County Board of Education

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NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
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**Resolution Nominating Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry as
CCBE's 2018 Legislator of the Year Award**

Resolution No. 2018-16

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully authored AB 2292 (Improving Infant and Toddler Care). Assembly Bill 2292 will strategically invest in California's child care system by creating an inclusive grant program to fund implementation and start-up costs of new child care facilities, and establishing a fund to recruit a new generation of family child care providers.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully signed on to a budget letter requesting full funding for UC and CSU.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully co-authored ACR 268, which states that the Legislature considers education technology to be of the highest priority and supports providing all California educators and students with state of the art technology resources, connectivity, and related support needed to enable the use of technology to expand and optimize instruction and learning opportunities for all students.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully co-authored SB 577, which would establish the California Community College Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program under which an unspecified entity would award up to 3 grants, in the amount of \$500,000 each, to collaboratives, that would be comprised of at least one accredited degree-granting institution of higher education with a physical presence in this state and at least one community college, for the purpose of offering teacher credential coursework remotely at participating community college or colleges.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully authored legislation that ensures parents engaged in English language learning or high school education can receive state assistance for childcare services, so that parents can get the education they need to support their families.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully authored legislation that encourages high school students to have hands-on-learning opportunities in STEM fields at world-renowned research institutions through the University of California.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully co-authored AB 1665 to expand our state's broadband connectivity goals to ensure that 98% of households in every geographic region of California have access to the internet. This bill is the result of the successful negotiation of a \$330 million package to expand broadband access and digital literacy to communities deprived of a reliable internet connection. After a three-year stalemate, AB 1665 represents a cooperative effort between the Legislature and the telecommunications industry to invest in broadband access and rural development.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully fought to restore \$15 million in funding for statewide career technical education, which provides support for CTE activities and programs, including partnership academies and CTE student organizations such as FFA.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully secured \$3 million in funding for the Career Online High School pilot project, which helps individuals earn their high school diploma online using public library facilities, and to connect public libraries to high-speed broadband.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry successfully supported legislation that increased funding for K-12 education and higher education, as well as an increase in child care eligibility for state-subsidized child care and development programs.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry currently serves as Chair, Local Government; Standing Committees: Agriculture, Governmental Organization, Health, Transportation, and Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry currently serves on the Senate Select Committee on Wine, Select Committee on Natural Disaster Response, Recovery, and Rebuilding; Select Committee on the Census; Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement.

As former Mayor of Winters, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry worked to secure computers for every 6th-grader in the city, bridge the digital divide by bringing broadband to rural communities, build a state of the art senior housing development, and establish an ag innovation hub in Yolo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is a strong supporter of public education, and the Napa County Board of Education supports her nomination as CCBE's 2018 Legislator of the Year Award.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of August 2018 by the Napa County Board of Education, Napa County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Sindy Biederman, Don Huffman, Jennifer Kresge, Ann Cash, Janna Waldinger, Steve Orndorf, Jim Haslip

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

BY: 
Clerk of the Board



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Nomination of Assemblyperson Cecilia Aguiar-Curry for CCBE Legislator of the Year

The Napa County Board of Trustees and the Napa County Superintendent of Schools are proud to nominate Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Assemblyperson for the Fourth District in California, which includes Napa County, as CCBE's Legislator of the Year.

In less than 2 years since being elected in November, 2016, Assemblyperson Aguiar-Curry has proven herself to be a fierce champion for public education, continuing the advocacy she had shown previously as Mayor of Winters, where she worked to bridge the digital divide by securing computers for every 6th-grader in the city.

The bills and efforts that Assemblyperson Aguiar-Curry has successfully fought for are of utmost importance to the Napa County Board of Trustees, as they affect programs operated by the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) for the benefit of students throughout the county. For example, NCOE runs most of the CTE classes on high school campuses, through a contractual relationship with our districts because the districts acknowledge that we are better prepared and able to run exemplary CTE programs. Likewise, we operate 24 preschool classes in Napa County because the districts requested that we be the preschool providers due to our state and nationally -acknowledged expertise.

Below are some of Aguiar-Curry's legislative education efforts and achievements:

Budget

Secured \$3 million in funding for the Career Online High School pilot project, which helps individuals earn their high school diploma online using public library facilities, and to connect public libraries to high-speed broadband.

Secured legislation to increase funding for K-12 education and higher education, as well as an increase in child care eligibility for state-subsidized child care and development programs.

Career Technical Education (CTE) / Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Fought for and successfully restored \$15 million in funding for statewide career technical education, which provides support for CTE activities and programs, including partnership academies and CTE student organizations such as FFA. The Governor had

proposed shifting the \$15.4 million from the California Department of Education, which serves K-12 students, to the California Community Colleges, which serves adults. This move would have devastated career and technical education for high school students.

Author, AB 273: Signed by Governor Brown

This legislation ensures that parents engaged in English language learning or high school education can receive state assistance for childcare services, so that parents can get the education they need to support their families.

Author, AB 616: Signed by Governor Brown

This legislation supports high school students having hands-on-learning opportunities in STEM fields at world-renowned research institutions through the University of California.

Co-author, AB 1665: Signed by Governor Brown

This legislation expands our state's broadband connectivity goals to ensure that 98% of households in every geographic region of California has access to the internet. This bill is the result of the successful negotiation of a \$330 million package to expand broadband access and digital literacy to communities deprived of a reliable broadband connection. After a three-year stalemate, AB 1665 represents a cooperative effort between the Legislature and the telecommunications industry to invest in broadband access and rural development. It is especially significant for schools, as it allows school children, no matter where in the state they reside, to do homework that involves digital materials and internet access, thus helping to close the achievement gap.

We urge CCBE to give the upmost consideration to Cecelia Aguiar-Curry as Legislator of the Year for her laser focus on education and its importance to California's children. She is a remarkably able and active legislator, who is making her mark supporting the importance of every child receiving the best possible education and graduating with the knowledge, skills, abilities and experiences that will help them become contributing members of their communities.

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