

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### **SUBJECT: Relations Between Area, State, Regional and National Associations and the Schools**

Membership in recognized associations such as California School Boards Association, the American School Administrators Association, and the Association of California School Administrators, will be maintained by the Riverside County Office of Education for several reasons, including:

1. The inservice education benefits to the County Office of Education staff and County Board members which come from participation in meetings, conferences, clinics and conventions.
2. Access to the communication media of such associations, such as newsletters, periodicals and advisory services.
3. Representation in actions affecting education in general and the County Office of Education in particular.

The County Office of Education in maintaining such membership in no way abdicates its responsibility for the schools/programs of the County Office of Education according to state law and County Office of Education policy.

The County Office of Education will budget funds for such memberships and for paying the costs of adequate participation of County Board members, administration and staff in the activities of such associations.

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize the need and the worth of cooperative relationships with other counties, colleges and educational organizations. The County Office of Education staff are encouraged to work with their counterparts in such organizations on educational matters within the framework established by the statutes, state regulations and County Office of Education policy.

#### **Legal Reference:**

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

33360 Department of education statewide association of school district boards; annual workshops

33362 Reimbursement of expenses; member of school district board

35044 Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board

44032 Payment of expenses; advance of funds; direction of travel by governing board