



Californians for the Support of Early Education

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This email is being sent to all friends of Californians for the Support of Early Education (CSEE). We are pleased to provide you with an update on some of the activities that have taken place in the last six months:

- Please visit our expanded CSEE website: <http://supportearlyed.org>.
- CSEE has formed its own Political Action Committee (More on p. 4)

Are You Ready to Vote?

This November 4, 2008 is a critical election at the national and local level. It's time to encourage parents and others in early education to register to vote and get out on election day to support candidates who will champion efforts on behalf of early education. Here is some important dates and facts that will assist you:

October 6th	Early voting begins
October 20th	Last day to register to vote
October 28th	Vote by mail applications due to Registrar of Voters by 5:00 pm
November 4th	Election Day!

A History-Making Election!

The November 4th General Election will be an historic event, regardless of your political affiliation. For the first time in American history the two major political parties are nominating leaders who have historically been left out of Presidential campaigns.

Despite the historical significance and the attention the presidential campaign is garnering, voter registration remains a problem. As of August, 2008 25% of eligible California voters were NOT registered to vote (Public Policy Institute of California, Just the Facts, California's Likely Voters, Aug. 2008).



Other Interesting Voting Information (Public Policy Institute of California)

- **AGE GAP STILL APPARENT IN REGISTRATION RATES, LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING:** Young adults are registering to vote at a much lower rate than older adults.
- **WHITES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE REGISTERED, TO VOTE; DEMOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES**

ARE APPARENT: Although whites represent less than a majority (47%) of California's adult population, they constitute 70% of likely voters. Despite the fact that Latinos represent about one third of California's adult population, they constitute only 15% of likely voters and 64% of those not registered.

- **LIKELY VOTERS TEND TO BE OLDER, MORE AFFLUENT THAN THOSE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE:** Among likely voters in California, 18% are younger than 35 years old, while 41% are at least 55 years old.

See our website for complete information.

Who Can Vote?



To make change happen at the local, state or federal level, people need to vote. The first step in having more people vote is to get them registered! Registering to vote is the key to being able to cast a vote in

the upcoming election.

To be eligible to register to vote in California you must:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election (you can register to vote at 17 as long as you'll be 18 on or before election day);
- Be a resident of the State of California (you do NOT have to live in a permanent residence to register as long as you have some type of address so you

can be assigned to a precinct, even an intersection will suffice);

- Not be in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony;
- You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent.

Californians for the Support of Early Education is a broad-based coalition that actively engages in public policy, advocacy efforts, and public education campaigns, so that all California's children have access to quality early education.

How You Can Register to Vote



1. Fill Out A Voter Registration Form Now (*Click here ([ENGLISH/ESPAÑOL](#)) to download and complete the voter registration form on your computer.*)
2. Have A Voter Registration Form Mailed to You (*Click here ([ENGLISH | ESPAÑOL](#)) to fill out a voter registration form that will be mailed to you for your signature.*)
3. Pick Up A Voter Registration Form (*You can pick up a voter registration form at your county elections office, library, or U.S. Post Office.*)

However, please be advised that voters who register after the 29th day (October 6th) may not receive a sample ballot due to the short turnaround time for mailing.

However, voters should receive notice of the location of their polling place in the mail.

**Save the date for CSEE's
next gathering at the
CAEYC 2009 Conference
& Expo March 26-28, 2009
Sacramento, CA!**

When to Re-Register to Vote



You will need to re-register to vote when:

- You move
- You change your name
- You change your political party choice

As a California voter, you should be aware that in some areas, local elections are held on dates that do not coincide with statewide election dates. The 15-day close of registration deadline for these local elections varies depending on the actual date of the election. If you need to know a deadline for a local election, contact your county elections office.

Additional Assistance

For additional assistance with voter registration, please contact the Secretary of State's office at the following toll-free numbers:

English:	1-800-345-VOTE
Chinese:	1-800-339-2857
Japanese:	1-800-339-2865
Korean:	1-866-575-1558
Spanish:	1-800-232-VOTA
Tagalog:	1-800-339-2957
Vietnamese:	1-800-339-8163

Help us build our ability to reach more people!



CSEE would like to expand our email list so that others who are interested in advocacy efforts can learn about the work of CSEE. Please send us email addresses or lists of colleagues and their email addresses so that we can include them in our January email blitz. Send these email addresses to Anne Broussard at Broussard.anne@aol.com.

Remember...

...legislators at the local, state and national levels will be making decisions about funding, regulations, and policies for early education programs. For example, these are the individuals who will decide the level of new pre-K money, No Child Left Behind changes, or any other of the many items that a new policymakers might consider.

NEW!! Californians for the Support of Early Education Political Action Committee (CSEE PAC)...

...advocates for quality early education. It supports candidates and ballot propositions that advance those needs and engages Californians in political action.

CSEE PAC serves the following purposes:

- To help elect candidates who support the goals and objectives of CSEE as determined by CSEE PAC.
- To help support or oppose ballot propositions according to the goals and objectives of CSEE as determined by CSEE PAC.
- To establish a continuing political campaign fund managed and operated in accordance with the terms of CSEE PAC's bylaws.
- To promote public education and mobilization of lawful political action among Californians, including seeking elective or appointive political office.

The current members of CSEE PAC include the following individuals:

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