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California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) Launches Blog Highlighting Local Control Stories

Today, the California Collaborative for Education Excellence (CCEE) launched a blog, titled *Local Control Spotlight*, highlighting the ways in which California’s shift to local control is manifesting itself on the ground in county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools.

“As CCEE staff have been traveling around the state meeting with education and community leaders, we have heard many fascinating stories about how local control is playing out across California,” said Josh Daniels, Director of Outreach and Communications at the CCEE. “These stories are the inspiration for this blog.”

The first post tells the story of how one small, rural school district utilized key tenets of local control – engaging its community, determining local needs, and developing local solutions – to address a pressing problem.

“There were many reasons to close the small two-classroom elementary school,” the first post begins. “Enrollment had dropped to just 11 students at one point, although the District had been able to bring in a few additional students by busing them in from the District’s main elementary school. The District was also facing fiscal challenges and the School Board was searching for unnecessary expenses to cut. Then one of the two teachers at the school announced plans to retire. Yet rather than close Chinese Camp Elementary School, the Jamestown School District decided to transform it.” To read the entire blog post on Jamestown School District, please visit www.ccee-ca.org/blog.asp.

The blog posts are written to provide interesting, creative, and inspiring illustrations of decisions made at the local level. They are not intended to describe best practices. For now, new stories will be posted approximately once a month.

The CCEE welcomes the submission of ideas for stories to be included in a future blog post. To suggest an idea for a story, please email ccee@rcoe.us.

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