



Background

The Community Engagement Initiative became part of California's Statewide System of Support through a significant investment in the Budget Act of 2018. The Community Engagement Initiative was established for the purpose of:

- Building capacity in communities and school districts/LEAs to have difficult conversations with each other and build trust, with a focus on improving outcomes for pupils.
- Identifying effective models of community engagement and metrics to evaluate those models.
- Developing effective peer-to-peer partnerships between school districts and county offices of education to deepen community engagement.
- Improve community engagement statewide and incorporate practices that prove effective toward school district and county office of education continuous improvement efforts.

In May 2022 the Governor's budget included language and funding to expand the work, deliverables, and scope of the Community Engagement Initiative, as well extending it's operational timeline until the end of the 26-27 school year.

Peer Leading & Learning

CEI operates on a peer leading and learning model. All of our current 142 LEA teams form their own CEI teams that consist of educational partners, including county office of education representatives, district and school-site representatives, parents/caregivers, students, and community members. CEI convenes these teams throughout the year at Peer Leading & Learning Network (PLLN) meetings and also provides opportunities to engage in communities of practice, further supporting shared learning and collaboration.



LEAs interested in joining the Community Engagement Initiative can find more info at californiaengage.org/joining-cei.

Current CEI Partners

Peer Leading & Learning Exchange (PLLX) Facilitators (Cohort I-IV Alumni)

Anaheim Union High	Oakland Unified	Santa Paula Unified
Apple Valley Unified	Ontario-Montclair	Siskiyou Union High
Bakersfield City	Pacific Community Charter	Southern Humboldt Joint Unified
Cajon Valley Union	Parlier Unified	Tahoe-Truckee Unified
Kern High	Red Bluff Joint Union High	Twin Rivers Unified
Kernville Union Elementary	Rialto Unified	Upper Lake Unified
Magnolia Public Schools	Riverside Unified	
Moreno Valley Unified	Rocklin Academy Family of Schools	
Natomas Unified	San Bernardino City Unified	
Northern United - Humboldt Charter	San Bruno Park Elementary	

Cohort V Teams (2024-2026)

Achieve Charter School of Paradise Inc.	Fallbrook Union High	Mountain Empire Unified
Alder Grove Charter School 2	Feaster (Mae L.) Charter	Oakland Military Institute, College Preparatory Academy
Alpine Union Elementary	Fenton Avenue Charter	Orange County Department of Education
Arcata Elementary	Fullerton Elementary	Pacific View Charter 2.0
Arvin Union	Golden Eagle Charter	Peninsula Union
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy	Heber Elementary	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified
Blue Lake Union Elementary	High Tech High	Rio Dell Elementary
Bonsall Unified	Hydesville Elementary	Riverdale Joint Unified
Brawley Union High	Imperial Beach Charter	San Diego Cooperative Charter
Calexico Unified	Imperial County Office of Education	San Diego County Office of Education
Centralia Elementary	Irvine Unified	San Diego Global Vision Academy
Chaffey Joint Union High	Jamul-Dulzura Union Elementary	San Diego Unified
Chula Vista Elementary	Julian Union Elementary	Santee
Coastal Grove Charter	Kings Canyon Joint Unified	Sausalito Marin City
Colfax Elementary	La Habra City Elementary	Sierra Charter
Columbia Union	Lakeport Unified	Sierra Foothill Charter
Corning Union Elementary	Lemon Grove	Siskiyou County Office of Education
Covina-Valley Unified	Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise	South Bay Union
Cuddeback Union Elementary	Magnolia Science Academy	South San Francisco Unified
Dehesa Elementary	Magnolia Science Academy 5	Spencer Valley Elementary
Del Norte County Unified	Magnolia Science Academy San Diego	Tustin Unified
Earlimart Elementary	Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana	Urban Discovery Academy Charter
EJE Academies	Magnolia Union Elementary	Vista Unified
El Nido Elementary	McKinleyville Union Elementary	Wheatland Union High
Empower Language Academy	Meadows Union Elementary	William Finch
Esparto Unified	Menifee Union	Yosemite Unified
Eureka City Schools	Mission Preparatory	
Explore Academy	Morgan Hill Unified	

Cohort VI (2025-2027)

ABC Unified	Guadalupe Union Elementary	Reef-Sunset Unified
Alisal Union	Guerneville Elementary	Riverside County Office of Education
Anderson Valley Unified	Hayward Unified	San Juan Unified
Banning Unified	Julian Union High	San Ysidro Elementary
Big Picture Educational Academy	Kavod Charter	Santa Clara County Office of Education
Borrego Springs Unified	King City Union	Seeley Union Elementary
Bridges Preparatory Academy	La Mesa-Spring Valley	Sherman Thomas Charter
Corning Union High	La Sierra High	Soleil Academy Charter
Cutten Elementary	Lassen County Office of Education	South Fork Union
Cuyama Joint Unified	Loleta Union Elementary	Standard Elementary
Del Norte County Unified	Los Angeles Unified - Benjamin Franklin Senior High	Tomorrow's Leadership Collaborative (TLC) Charter
Dos Palos Oro Loma Joint Unified	Los Angeles Unified - Nueva Vista Elementary	Tree of Life Charter
Dunsmuir Elementary	Marysville Joint Unified	Unbound Stockton Community
El Tejon Unified	McSwain Union Elementary	University Preparatory High
Elevate	Orland Joint Unified	Waterford Unified
Folsom-Cordova Unified	Palo Verde Union Elementary	Waukena Joint Union Elementary
Fort Ross Elementary	Plumas Lake Elementary	Westminster
Fresno Unified	Poway Unified	Woodlake Unified
Fusion Charter	Puente Charter	Yuba County Office of Education
Greenfield Union	Red Bluff Union Elementary	

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The Community Engagement Initiative is co-administered by the CCEE alongside the San Diego County Office of Education, Eskolta School Research & Design, the University of San Diego.