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1. I have been... *

Appointed

Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected *

/Chelsea Bonini/

3. Full name *

Chelsea Bonini

4. Region/subregion *

5B



5. Name of District or COE *

San Mateo County Board of Education

6. Years on board *

4 SMFCSD; 5 SMCBOE

7. Profession

Educator & Attorney

8. Contact number *



9. Primary email address *

cbonini@smcoe.org

10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? *

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. *

I am interested in continuing to be a Delegate for our Region 5B because serving in this capacity has been very rewarding. In my current term as a Delegate, I have had the opportunity to bring my dual experience as a School District Trustee in the San Mateo-Foster City School District and as a San Mateo County Board Trustee to this role. This is helpful because we need to ensure that both the district and county perspectives are represented in the input provided to shape CSBA's policy pillars and committee work. Additionally, my experience and unique skills developed as a Board Member, an elementary school educator (K, 1 & 2), a professor-lecturer at Santa Clara University School of Law, a longtime education leader in San Mateo County with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education & Psychology and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration & Leadership, and an educator with a CA Multiple-Subject Teaching Credential and an CA Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC - CoE) -- all support my ability to be an effective and engaged member of CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. *

I am a graduate of CSBA's Masters in Governance (2014) and CSBA's County Masters in Governance (2021) training programs. I have been active in all CSBA Delegate Assembly meetings during my term, and I am honored to have been appointed to the 2026 Annual Education Conference (AEC) Planning Committee as well as to continue serving on the County Board Member Conference Content Committee in 2026. I maintain close engagement with CSBA, our regional Trustees, local programming planning for Trustees, and legislative advocacy statewide through my roles on the San Mateo County School Boards Association's (SMCSBA) Board of Directors, currently as President for the 2025-26 school year. I regularly attend CSBA's trainings as well as the AEC on an annual basis. I have been an AEC Presenter twice on the topics of special education systems collaboration and mental health access.

As a County Board of Education Trustee, I have served two terms as Vice-President and one term as Board President. I have served on many Board committees over the past five years (Policy, Legislative, Gateway Workforce Housing, Inter-District Transfer Appeals) as well as being a liaison to the San Mateo County SELPA and SMCSBA. On the San Mateo-Foster City School Board (2013-2017), I served a term as Board President, and I was on a variety of active committees, liaison to local legislative bodies, as well as being on Kevin Mullin's Assembly Education Committee. In the community, I have served on the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities and Behavioral Health Commission, the San Mateo County Office of Education's Personnel Commission (as the Board appointee), and I have been involved in a variety of mental health and literacy awareness and community engagement initiatives with BHRS, NAMI and many other community-based organizations.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? *

From my perspective, the biggest challenge facing governing boards continues to be the inadequacy, inequality, and instability of education funding for school districts and county offices of education across the State. This issue is exacerbated by laws that take funding from education and reallocate it for different purposes (e.g. the excess property tax sweep that took close to \$40M from San Mateo County Office of Education and upwards of \$50M from the Santa Clara County Office of Education in 2025 to fund state courts). CSBA's legislative advocacy opportunities, engagement with local regions with the help of PACERs and other resources, their willingness to listen to the unique experiences of local regions, and their ability provide practical support and legislative advocacy and influence to navigate potential solutions will help us make progress in addressing this ongoing challenge.

Delegate Assembly Biosketch Form for 2026



Deadline: Tuesday, January 7, 2026

Please submit completed form via e-mail to nominations@csba.org no later than by January 7, 2026. Forms may also be submitted via mail, to CSBA's Executive Office, at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Your signature indicates your consent to serve as a Delegate.

Signature: Teri Chavez

Date: 1/7/2026

Name: Teri Chavez

CSBA Region & subregion #: 5B

District or COE: San Mateo Union High School District

Years on board: 7

Profession: Business Analyst Contact Number (Cell Home Bus.): [REDACTED]

Primary E-mail: [REDACTED]

Are you an incumbent Delegate? Yes No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2025

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am passionate about ensuring that every student has an opportunity to thrive in a safe learning environment. Equity is critical to ensure that we can provide the individual support necessary to help all students be successful in what they want to achieve. I am an advocate for our under-privileged, under-represented students. San Mateo County has many students that identify as multi-lingual learners and our test scores and graduation rates are not comparable across our varying demographics. We need to advocate for increased funding so that additional support can be available to provide the necessary support for our most marginalized students.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served as a trustee of the San Mateo Union High School District since 2022, and previously served one term on the San Bruno Park School District from 2018-2022. I have completed the CSBA Masters in Governance courses. I am currently serving as the Treasurer in our San Mateo County School Board Association. I have always enjoyed serving my community and prior to becoming a trustee, I served on several committees as a parent volunteer such as, DELAC, LCAP, 7-11 Advisory Committee, Equity Advisory Committee, School Site Councils for Capuchino High School, Parkside Intermediate School, Rollingwood Elementary School, and PTA Treasurer.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

One of our most significant challenges we need to address is the on-going affects from COVID. I was the Board President during the onset of the unprecedented global pandemic and one of my greatest concerns was a further widening of the achievement gap, especially for our most marginalized students. The social-emotional health of students was dramatically affected, and we need to continue to provide additional wellness support for all students. As most school districts are at the final spending cycle of the COVID one-time funding, we still need increased funding to maintain our school site wellness centers and counselors.