



Encouraging foundation leaders to get involved!

## Regional Network Initiative

The CCEF Board of Directors has adopted a bold new leadership vision and is moving aggressively to enhance the capacity and impact of the Consortium on local education foundations (LEFs) in California. CCEF is upgrading its web site, expanding member resources, and reaching out to LEF leaders throughout California in a comprehensive way. Over the next few months, CCEF is creating a broad-based regional networking program to connect foundation leaders with their colleagues to share best practices, receive training and information, and dialogue about the common challenges LEFs face as they work to support public education in the Golden State.

We are dividing the state into 12 distinct regions and assigning directors and leading foundation leaders to serve as coordinators for those networking groups. The regions break into three general geographic blocks:

### **Northern California:**

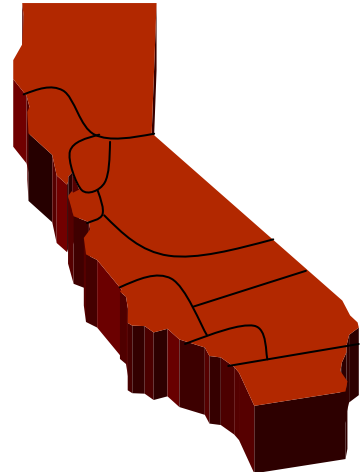
- Contra Costa/East Bay Area
- San Mateo/San Jose/South Bay Area
- Marin County
- North Bay/Wine Country Area
- North Coast Area

### **Central California:**

- Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley
- Monterey Area (Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz)
- Central Coast Area (Kern, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, and Santa Barbara)

### **South California:**

- South Bay-Coastal Area
- Orange County
- San Diego County
- Inland Empire/San Gabriel Area



### **The Goals & Objectives of the CCEF Regional Networks**

- Create a localized networking structure for LEFs and educational/community leaders
- Promote information sharing/best practices for LEFs or school districts within a region
- Promote development of commonly accepted standard operating procedures
- Cultivate CCEF membership development and renewal
- Deliver professional development training and issue forums for LEF leaders and executives
- Facilitate regionalized awareness building and advocacy efforts on behalf of public education
- Work with existing informal networks to pursue regional objectives and interests

### **Upcoming Network Activities**

Plans are underway to host simultaneous Regional Networking Meetings throughout the state in late October. At these sessions, foundation leaders and educators will organize themselves and participate in a statewide Webinar. The Board of Directors is narrowing the topic and will announce program details soon. Regional attendees will have a chance to learn from the Webinar speakers about trends and issues facing LEFs, engage in dialogue on the topic, and share ideas and best practices among themselves. We are looking forward to scheduling several of these sessions throughout the year. The Networks will also serve as conduits for circulating information, answering common questions, and analyzing situations LEF leaders face. CCEF's directors are personally calling all LEFs in the state to invite them to join CCEF in this exciting new outreach effort. Contact the CCEF Executive Director at (650) 324-1653 or [susan.sweeney@stanford.edu](mailto:susan.sweeney@stanford.edu) to get involved!