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## Candidates Forum

*See and hear those vying to be the next State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

**WHAT:** A candidates forum featuring candidates running to replace Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. The forum, to be held during the California State PTA's 111th Annual Convention, is co-sponsored by the state PTA and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. League President Janis R. Hirohama will serve as moderator.

**WHERE:** The Sacramento Convention Center, Room 203-204, 1301 L St., downtown Sacramento.

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, April 30.

**WHO:**

**Larry Aceves**, former teacher, principal, school district superintendent and a past president of the Association of California School Administrators.

**Diane Lenning**, an educator for more than 30 years in public schools and in the California Youth authority, as well as an author and business owner.

**Gloria Romero**, former professor at California State University, Los Angeles, current state Senator and chair of the Senate Education Committee and of the Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Education.

**Tom Torlakson**, former teacher and state Senator, current state Assembly member and chair of the Assembly's Select Committee on Schools and Community, and a member of the Education and Appropriations committees.

**WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:** This candidates forum provides one of the few opportunities to hear directly from the candidates who hope to lead the California Department of Education, which oversees the state's public school system and is responsible for the education of more than 7 million children and young adults in more than 9,000 schools.

The event is open to the press and will be videotaped for broadcast at 7 p.m. April 30 on the California Channel. To confirm the broadcast schedule and learn about other air dates as they are scheduled, visit [www.calchannel.com](http://www.calchannel.com).

*The California State PTA has nearly 1 million members throughout the state working on behalf of public schools, children and families, with the motto, "Every child, one voice." The PTA is the nation's oldest, largest and highest profile volunteer association working to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth. The PTA also advocates at national, state and local levels for education and family issues. The PTA is nonprofit, nonsectarian and noncommercial. For more information, visit [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org).*

*The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund conducts voter service and citizen education activities. It is a 501(c)(3) corporation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit education organization, which:*

- *Builds citizen participation in the democratic process.*
- *Studies key community issues at all government levels in an unbiased manner.*
- *Enables people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.*

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