





## Adult Education in California

### A Brief History

The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Adult schools have been called upon on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political and economic issues. Examples include: job training programs during the Great Depression; training skilled and under skilled workers during World War II; and preparing millions of residents for citizenship.

### What Is CAP?

Following the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, a **Cap** or lid was placed on the amount of ADA that an adult school could claim for state funding.

A significant problem over the years relative to the CAP has been population growth and shifts. We have seen large growth spurts in some communities that are not served by adult schools, or have small or moderately sized schools.

### What is the Revenue Limit?

The "**Revenue Limit**" is the amount of money that each school receives from the State of California. All adult schools receive the same amount as all other schools. The revenue limit for adult schools for the 2007-2008 school year was \$2,645.30 per unit of ADA. So, an adult school with a CAP of 1,000 ADA received \$2,645,300 from the state for its Revenue Limit.



### What Is ADA?

**ADA** stands for Average Daily Attendance. Unlike The K-12 schools, we take Actual Hours of Attendance. In our system every 525 hours of attendance produces one unit of ADA. The initial concept was that if one student attended a class 3 hours a day for 175 days, that would count as one unit of ADA (3 x 175 = 525).

If their attendance is insufficient to reach their CAP figure, the school will be funded only for the actual ADA they generate. Hence, the importance of "reaching CAP".

### The Purpose of CCAE

**Legislation** – Sponsoring, endorsing and backing legislation that provides positive support of adult schools, adult educators, students and communities. Activities include Legislative Day, testifying at hearings, working with legislators at the local level, letter writing campaigns, keeping our members informed, employment of a Legislative Analyst.

**Professional Development** – Providing growth opportunities for all adult educators through conferences, GED Academy, seminars and specially designed workshops.

**Recognitions** – Noting excellent performances by adult educators and students through the awarding of scholarships and awards at the State, Section, and Chapter levels.



### Review of CCAE 2007-08

State President Matthew Smith of Bassett Adult School is very pleased with CCAE's accomplishments during the past year.

**CCAЕ** in collaboration with Vantage Insurance is now offering general insurance coverage to members.

**CCAЕ** employed John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendent for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), and formerly Director of OTAN, to redesign and update our current Website. Look for the new edition this fall.

**CCAЕ** is moving towards improving communications with the membership through state and section generated e-mail blasts.

**CCAЕ** provided seven GED Academy workshops.

**CCAЕ** collaborated with ACSA and CAЕAA to develop two pieces of legislation, one regarding the redistribution of the 2.5% growth factor, the other to enable cooperative agreements among Districts.

**CCAЕ** hired a new full-time secretary for the Sacramento office, approved a trial student membership plan in the Bay Section, developed and distributed a Master Calendar, and provided a great State Conference in San Diego.

**CCAЕ** is laying plans to host a National Adult Education Conference in San Francisco in 2011 in conjunction with COABE and ProLiteracy.

### Goals and Projects for 2008-09

Matthew Smith will continue as the CCAE Stat President for a second year in accordance with changes made in the State Constitution.

- Complete and activate the updated Web Site
- Implement new membership fees
- Continue to improve communications within the organization
- Provide information to members through e-mail blasts
- Continue to monitor legislation and provide feedback
- Look forward to this year's State Conference at the Pasadena Hilton



### Adult schools with 1000 ADA or more

|                  |       |                    |      |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|------|
| Los Angeles      | 71490 | Berkeley           | 1797 |
| Hac-La Puente    | 6499  | Clovis             | 1757 |
| Sacramento       | 5810  | Long Beach         | 1683 |
| Sweetwater       | 5805  | Inglewood          | 1669 |
| El Monte         | 5507  | Compton            | 1633 |
| Montebello       | 5340  | Ventura            | 1590 |
| Oakland          | 4935  | Stockton           | 1557 |
| Pomona           | 4710  | Norwalk-La Mirada  | 1549 |
| Baldwin Park     | 4016  | Oxnard             | 1547 |
| Fresno           | 3938  | Whittier           | 1523 |
| Kern             | 3771  | Mt. View-Los Altos | 1486 |
| Tri-Community    | 3541  | Centinela Valley   | 1458 |
| ABC              | 3403  | Azusa              | 1404 |
| Garden Grove     | 3398  | Vallejo            | 1322 |
| Grossmont        | 3280  | Tulare             | 1316 |
| Hayward          | 2854  | West Contra Costa  | 1304 |
| East Side        | 2729  | Redondo Beach      | 1260 |
| Simi Valley      | 2699  | Chaffey            | 1224 |
| San Bernardino   | 2593  | Martinez           | 1203 |
| San Juan         | 2483  | Monterey Peninsula | 1190 |
| Torrance         | 2483  | Madera             | 1171 |
| Huntington Beach | 2455  | Campbell           | 1136 |
| Downey           | 2429  | Pajaro Valley      | 1119 |
| Alhambra         | 2412  | Bellflower         | 1115 |
| San Mateo        | 2303  | Paramount          | 1095 |
| San Jose         | 2301  | Castro Valley      | 1077 |
| Mt. Diablo       | 2243  | Fremont Union      | 1072 |
| Grant            | 2211  | Saddleback         | 1060 |
| Riverside        | 2103  | Conejo Valley      | 1045 |
| Bassett          | 2056  | Porterville        | 1044 |
| Salinas          | 1997  | Sequoia            | 1027 |
| Freemont Unified | 1955  | Eureka             | 1025 |
| Santa Clara      | 1836  | El Rancho          | 1013 |
| Visalia          | 1817  |                    |      |