



Dear Colleague,

CAAASA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to address critical issues in education as they relate to African Americans in California. The organization's primary purpose is to impact educational outcomes for K-16 African American students and their families.

A focus for this year is to work closely with the California State Department of Education in closing the achievement gap. We will also work with African American administrators by providing training, mentoring and support for those members who are aspiring to become superintendents and/or advancing in other administrative careers.

CAAASA has been a supporter of the Educational Civil Rights (ECR) initiative that addresses the educational needs of African American students. CAAASA has also been instrumental in the dissemination of the Black Educational Civil Rights Agenda (BECRA) and has partnered with Pearson Foundation and the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) with the creation of educational public service announcement videos (PSAs) featuring legislators, teachers, and students that are used nationally to encourage all stakeholders to improve educational outcomes. The ECR Initiative is sponsored nationally by NABSE to raise awareness of the legal and programmatic responsibility to improve educational outcomes for all children, and particularly African-American students and other minorities whose achievement levels are in need of improvement.

We are proud to update you on our progress and to solicit your support to join our effort to generate programmatic initiatives on behalf of our children who remain in great need of change and support in public schools.

Included are links for your review:

1. A video featuring congressional leaders and others encouraging America's youth.

- <http://www.caaasa.org/video3.html>
- <http://www.caaasa.org/video.html>

2. A copy of the BECRA that identifies our four areas of priority along with suggested activities for implementation by local school districts hosted on the website: <http://www.educationisacivilright.com/>

[http://www.educationisacivilright.com/uploads/ThePlanABlackEdCivilRightsAgenda\\_vApril-07\\_.pdf](http://www.educationisacivilright.com/uploads/ThePlanABlackEdCivilRightsAgenda_vApril-07_.pdf)

3. Completed PSA's by California teachers and students from Los Angeles, Inglewood, Compton, and Rialto Unified School Districts.

- Teacher: <http://www.caaasa.org/video5.html>
- Student: <http://www.pearsonfoundation.org/pg5.11.html>

Please see our website for additional ECR programs.

Beside ECR, CAAASA is spearheading an initiative with the California State Assembly to hold legislative hearings on the education of African-American students in California. CAAASA is also partnering with the Harvard Civil Right Project at UCLA to conduct research on best practices of the Education is a Civil Right Agenda.

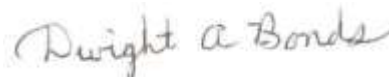
As membership chair I am excited about CAAASA's new directional path of research partnership efforts and program initiatives and we need your help in supporting this growth. Your support will also ensure our success in achieving the mission and goals of this needed organization. We invite you to join by paying your local dues and marking your calendar with your plans to attend scheduled meetings and events.

Please use the attached application to renew your membership or sign up as a new member. For further questions or information, do not hesitate to contact Dwight Bonds at [dwigtbonds@caaasa.org](mailto:dwigtbonds@caaasa.org) or (818) 217-6310.

Sincerely,



George McKenna  
Membership Chair  
CAAASA



Dwight Bonds  
Executive Director  
CAAASA



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS

**Membership Application**

The annual dues for 2011-12 are \$100 for superintendents and administrators, \$500 for businesses, \$3,500 for corporate sponsors and \$50 for retirees.

Please mail your completed membership application and check or money order to:

**CAAASA**

Attention: Dwight Bonds, Executive Director  
12155 El Oro Way  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

TITLE: \_\_\_Dr. \_\_\_Mr. \_\_\_Mrs. \_\_\_Ms. \_\_\_Other:\_\_\_\_\_ (Check all that apply)

\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*DISTRICT/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP YOU ARE PURCHASING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent (\$100 /year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business (\$500/year)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator (\$100/year)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor (\$3,500/year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree (\$50/year)          |   |

(\* Required information)

Your membership will be activated once your completed application and membership fees have been received.

For further information please contact:

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