

Strategic School Business Officer Academy

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

CASBO & Stanford Graduate School of Education

In collaboration with Stanford Graduate School of Education, the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) leads a selective fellowship uniting California's top school business leaders to strengthen strategic influence, elevate district decision-making, and shape the future of school business leadership.

EXECUTIVE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COHORT

During the 9-month hybrid schedule, participants deepen their ability to:

- Shape districtwide resource strategy and long-term fiscal sustainability
- Influence high-level decision-making with superintendents and governing boards
- Lead complex negotiations and policy conversations
- Move beyond compliance-driven management to strategic system leadership
- Strengthen their role as a trusted architect of district priorities

IDEAL CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

- Chief Business Officials
- Deputy Superintendents
- Associate Superintendents
- Senior business executives responsible for districtwide fiscal leadership.

Cohorts are intentionally limited for up to 30 leaders statewide.



WHY THIS ACADEMY MATTERS TO SUPERINTENDENTS

As fiscal complexity and governance demands continue to grow, the Strategic School Business Officer Academy strengthens the partnership between superintendents and their school business leaders. It is a strategic investment in district leadership capacity.

District leaders who complete this program are better prepared to:

- Lead strategic resource decisions during fiscal volatility
- Strengthen board-level financial strategy and governance alignment
- Navigate complex negotiations and policy environments
- Align operational resources with district priorities and student outcomes
- Provide stronger cabinet-level leadership and decision support

THE DISTRICT ROI

Districts benefit from leaders who move beyond compliance to serve as strategic architects of resources and priorities, resulting in:

- Expanded executive leadership capacity
- Stronger board-level financial leadership
- Improved long-term fiscal planning
- Enhanced negotiation and policy readiness
- Elevated cabinet-level business leadership

WHAT MAKES THIS ACADEMY DIFFERENT

The combination of CASBO's strongest practitioner network alongside the intellectual leadership of Stanford University offers:

- Mentorship from sitting Chief Business Officials
- Pairing with Stanford faculty
- A selective statewide fellowship cohort
- Addresses real district challenges

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