CASBO

Join Us For The Central Bay Section Fall Education Event

OCTOBER 22, 2026 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

ROUNDHOUSE MARKET & CONFERENCE CENTER
2600 CAMINO RAMON, SAN RAMON, CA 94583

CASBO CENTRAL BAY

Learn Locally

Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties welcome to attend.

Meaningful Connections

Build stronger peer relationships and connect with school business professionals in your section.

Light Breakfast & Lunch

Meals are included with your registration.

Direct Access

Gain direct access to CASBO leadership and actionable professional learning courses.

Hosted by your section, each event brings a local lens to statewide school business priorities, blending practical insights with the chance to build lasting connections.

Contact Nicola King, nicolaking@lvjusd.org, for event questions.

Contact Michelle Neto, mneto@casbo.org, for registration questions.

Tickets:

$125 Member Price

$165 Non-Member Price

REGISTER TODAY

Deadline to Register

October 15

Central Bay Section Event Program

8:00 - 8:30 am **Networking & Breakfast**

8:30 - 8:45 am **Opening Session**

Tahoe Room

8:55 - 9:55 am **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kelly Bowers**

Tahoe Room

Dr. Bowers, CEO and President of the Three Valleys Community Foundation and former Superintendent of Livermore Valley Jt. USD, is known for her collaborative leadership and commitment to strengthening schools and communities. She will share how investing in meaningful relationships is key to attracting, retaining, and developing exceptional teams

10:05 - 11:05 am **Session 1**

Tahoe Room

Recruiting and Retaining High-Quality Staff | Cedric Miller, American Fidelity

Strategies and best practices for attracting top-tier educational talent and creating workplace environments that keep them long-term.

Trinity Room

Contracting Essentials for School District Administrators | Kelly Rem, Lozano Smith

A foundational guide for administrators on navigating the critical legal, financial, and procedural elements of school district contracts.

Shasta Room

How AI has helped with Staffing, Budgeting, Work Orders and Predictive Maintenance | Benjamin Trotter, Pittsburg USD

A practical look at how maintenance operations can leverage AI to optimize budgets, manage staff, and predict equipment failures before they happen.

Redwood Room

Loss Control: Slips, Trips, and Falls; Distracted Driving | Rowena Cowen, Keenan

Risk management essentials focused on reducing workplace injuries and liability through proactive safety measures and driver awareness.

Willow Room

Customer Service in Child Nutrition | Cris Lepe, Mt. Diablo USD

Enhancing the dining experience for students by implementing frontline customer service strategies within school nutrition programs.

11:15 - 12:15 pm **Session 2**

Tahoe Room

The New Excel Playbook: The Data Scientist, Engineer, and Analyst in School Business | Chris Raymundo, Mt. Diablo USD

Modern Excel techniques tailored for school business professionals to help them analyze, engineer, and present data more effectively.

Trinity Room

Sustainability - Energy Savings That Actually Save Money | Jennifer Gibb, Van Pelt Construction Services (Room: Shasta)

A realistic look at green facilities management, focusing on practical energy-saving initiatives that yield actual, measurable budget relief.

Shasta Room

Total Cost of Ownership Strategies for Purchasing Team | Lala Stefkova, School Buys

Shifting the procurement focus from the initial sticker price to the long-term, comprehensive costs of operating and maintaining school assets.

Redwood Room

Designing Spaces with Purpose | Stephen Day, Lakeshore Learning

Explore how to align student needs and outcomes with funding opportunities and district priorities to create meaningful, future-ready spaces.

Willow Room

Section 125 Review and Refresh | Cedric Miller, American Fidelity

An overview and update on IRS Section 125 cafeteria plans, focusing on compliant pre-tax benefits for school employees.

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12:20 - 1:20 pm **Lunch**

Tenaya Room

12:30 - 2:00 pm **Vendor Fair**

Tenaya Room

2:10 - 3:10 pm **Session 3**

Tahoe Room

The Heart of Leadership: Navigating with Clarity and Care | Jenna Mains, Dr. Rachel "Ray" Cobb and Paulette Smith, Alameda COE

Explores educational leadership strategies that balance operational clarity and professional decisiveness with genuine empathy and care.

Trinity Room

How to Create an Electric Bus Charging Station via Grants | Cris Lepe, Mt. Diablo USD

A roadmap for funding and building eco-friendly transportation infrastructure, and how grant money can turn charging stations into learning opportunities

Shasta Room

Bids: Responsive and Responsible – What They Mean & Why They Matter? | Elizabeth McClanahan, Mt. Diablo USD

Clarifying the vital legal distinctions between "responsive" bids and "responsible" bidders to ensure fair and compliant district procurement.

Redwood Room

The Excel Lab: A School Business Data "After-Show" Round Table | Chris Raymundo, Mt. Diablo USD

An interactive, collaborative roundtable discussion expanding on advanced Excel strategies and solving real-world school business data puzzles.

Willow Room

AI for Educators and Staff | Brian Juarez, Yash Sharman and Shannon Isgrig, Helios Ed

An introductory session on using accessible artificial intelligence tools to streamline administrative tasks and lighten workloads for school staff.

3:15 - 4:00 pm **State Director Update • Legislative Update • Raffle • Adjournment**

Tahoe Room