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thursday

## WELCOME REMARKS

**9:00 am**

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Jorge Pacheco Jr., *President, CLSBA*

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## FIRESIDE CHAT WITH EDWARD JAMES OLMOS

**9:10 am**

## UNLOCKING THE POWER OF LEARNING THROUGH FILMMAKING

**Moderator**  
Gil Rebollar, *Treasurer, CLSBA*

Edward James Olmos has achieved extraordinary success as an actor, producer and humanitarian. His career in entertainment spans over 50 years of working in the business. In that time, he created a signature style and aesthetic that he applies to every artist endeavor, often grounding his characters in reality and gravitas. His dedication to his craft has brought him attention across the industry, and with audiences worldwide. In 1988, the actor was nominated for an Academy Award® and won the Golden Globe for his portrayal of Jaime Escalante in *Stand and Deliver*. He directed and starred in his first motion picture, *American Me*, in 1992.

Olmos' passion for the arts grows every year, but he never forgets to give back to the communities that support him with their dedication and support. He is the founder of Youth Cinema Project, an organization on a mission to enhance a student's education through its project-based learning that produces competent, resilient, and real world problem solver's and bridges the achievement an opportunity gap's by creating lifelong learners and the entertainment industries multicultural future.

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## PANEL DISCUSSION BUILDING RESILIENT LEADERS AND STUDENTS

**10:00 am**

Veteran and newly appointed school board members will share strategies and approaches to help any school leader empower their districts, families and governance teams to advance educational equity for BIPOC and Latinx students.

**Moderator**  
Martha Martinez, *Co-Executive Director, CALSA*

**Panelists**  
Jorge Pacheco Jr, *Vice President, Oak Grove School District*  
Haydee Rodriguez, *SBE Member, CA State Board of Education*  
Jose Lara, *Assistant Principal, Anaheim Union High School District*  
Gwendolyn Rodgers, *President, San Bernardino City Unified School District*





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## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**9:15 am**

### IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR AT-PROMISE STUDENTS THROUGH AN EQUITY AND JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

**Dr. Victor Rios**  
*Award-Winning College Professor, Author, and Speaker*

How can policy makers, administrators, and educators implement policies and practices for students related to Justice, Equity, Anti-Racism, and Inclusion? Dr. Rios provides policy makers, administrators, and educators practical strategies for being reflexive about anti-racism and for having courageous conversations with colleagues and constituents. Research on students who overcome adversity to successfully navigate the higher education pipeline has demonstrated that resilience and prosperity are often actuated by an emotionally-relevant, anti-racist educator. Dr. Rios will discuss how educators can play a powerful role in guiding students that have been left behind. He will provide examples of practical strategies that work in helping these at-promise students succeed in education. Dr. Rios presents insights from his research on cultural responsiveness, emotional support, anti-racism and resilience. This talk provides the audience with an overall picture of the importance of emotional support in the lives of marginalized students and demonstrates practical strategies for implementing this support in everyday school practices.

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

**10:00 am**

### ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE: APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS

Are you interested in a deeper understanding of issues affecting BIPOC and Latinx students? If you answered yes, then we hope you'll join us for an in-depth conversation with experts, district leaders, and teachers to build your knowledge about these issues so your district stakeholders feel respected, engaged, and welcomed. Topics addressed include distance learning, teacher diversity, and equitable budget.

**Moderator**  
Dr. Irene Sanchez, *Educator, Poet, Writer, & Public Scholar*

**Panelists**  
Mary Hernández, *Equity Partner and Founder, Garcia Hernández Sawhney, LLP*  
Dr. Miguel Zavala, *Associate Professor and Director, Urban Learning Program, Cal State LA*  
Ivan Chaidez, *President, CALSA*  
Andrew Arevalo, *Public Education Teacher and Trustee, El Centro Elementary School District*



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### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

## UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**9:15 am**

**Dr. Shirley Weber**  
*Assembly Member, CA District 79*

Assemblymember Shirley Nash Weber was elected in 2012 to represent California's 79th Assembly District, which includes Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, and San Diego. Deeply committed to community service, she made a successful run for a seat on the board of the San Diego Unified School District. As a trustee and subsequent school board president, she became known for her advocacy for closing the achievement gap and setting a higher standard of excellence for all children. Dr. Weber has translated her commitment to education into her ambitious legislative agenda. She authored AB 1460, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2020. The new state law requires California State University (CSU), the nation's largest four-year public university system, to provide courses in Ethnic studies at each of its 23 campuses beginning with the 2021-22 academic year and requires CSU students to take a 3-credit course in Ethnic studies in order to graduate beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.

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## CALIFORNIA'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

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How can school board members create equity driven solutions with cross-governmental collaboration? Join us for a dialogue as we tackle questions on how school board leaders can collaborate with city, county, and state officials to create new realities for all of our constituents.

**Moderator**  
*Ash Kalra, Assembly Member, CA District 27*

**Panelists**  
*Xilonin Cruz Gonzalez, President, California School Boards Association*  
*Luis Alejo, Supervisor, District 1, Monterey County*  
*Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Superintendent of Schools, Santa Clara County Office of Education*  
*Rob Bonta, Assembly Member, CA District 18*

