



November 25, 2018

Hon. Mike Walsh, President
California School Boards Association
3251 Beacon Boulevard
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Dear President Walsh,

Due to the ongoing labor dispute affecting Marriott-owned properties in San Francisco, the San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) formally requests that CSBA relocate the Golden Bell Awards ceremony and all other CSBA-sponsored events currently scheduled to take place at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis during the Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. We recognize and commend CSBA for taking bold action by relocating the Delegate Assembly. If relocation of the remaining events proves unfeasible, we request that CSBA cancel the awards ceremony this year and allow awardees to instead celebrate within their local community, as well as identify potential alternate locations for the other CSBA-sponsored events.

SMCSBA represents the governing board members of the 23 local school districts, county office of education, and community college district of San Mateo County, which neighbors the City and County of San Francisco. Given our close proximity, we are especially sensitive to the fact that a significant number of families in our county are represented by UNITE HERE Local 2, which seeks a liveable wage in one of the highest cost markets in the nation.

We do not come to this decision lightly and recognize the difficulty and potential cost associated with such a change. Still, as the current dispute began on October 3, we believe that CSBA had adequate time to make alternate arrangements in support of the many local families that may be impacted by the labor dispute. We also do so in solidarity with the many locally-elected school board members that have pledged to support their community by refusing to cross the picket line.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to hearing your decision.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kalimah Salahuddin', written in a cursive style.

Kalimah Salahuddin
SMCSBA President