## **Press Release**

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## School District of the Year Award

An Open, Transparent District that Provides Support and Documentation for its Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to Carry Out its Duties in an Exemplary Fashion

This award was presented to Del Norte Unified School District (DNUSD) at the CABOC second annual conference.

The Del Norte Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was created in 2009 as a requirement of the November 4, 2008, vote of approval by the voters of \$25 million Measure A. CABOC became involved with the district due to a call from an investigative reporter concerned about the CBOC's lack of transparency, responses to California Public Records Act requests, and regularly scheduled meetings.

The CABOC Executive Director and several Board Directors started working with a group of concerned citizens, CBOC members, and Associate Superintendent Jeff Napier, with the support of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees President. The CBOC website was updated with the prior years' agenda and minutes, California Public Records Act requests were answered, last year's annual report was issued, regular monthly financial statements were presented, arrangements for site inspections and a meeting schedule were established.

This award was presented to Del Norte Unified School District and Associate Superintendent Jeff Napier for their support in making the CBOC transparent and responsive to community concerns.

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## About California Association of Bond Oversight Committees (CABOC)

CABOC is the trusted and independent source of information, education, training, and assistance on school bond oversight to CBOC members and California taxpayers. Proposition 39 (2000) lowered the threshold for local voter approval of school bond measures to 55%. It was accompanied by the mandate to establish independent CBOCs to oversee school bond expenditures and report findings to governing boards, taxpayers, and the general public.

Our mission is to develop the tools: training materials, newsletters, workshops, and conferences to enable CBOC members to engage in rigorous independent oversight and fulfill their obligations to ensure and report that bond money has been spent adequately for the benefit of students, families, their communities, and all Californians and to represent our collective interests at the statewide level.