

Fact Sheet: Assembly Select Committee on Schools and Community

Committee Purpose

The Assembly Select Committee on Schools and Community is meant to address a wide range of issues relating to schools in California. The committee will bring community stakeholders and schools together to provide an in-depth examination of the challenges facing California's education system.

Date Founded

April 2009

Committee Members

The following Assembly Members sit on the committee:

Tom Torlakson - Committee Chair	D - Martinez
Wilmer Amina Carter	D - Rialto
Kevin de Leon	D - Los Angeles
Bill Emmerson	R - Rancho Cucamonga
Cathleen Galgiani	D - Stockton

Other Details

- In April 2009, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass named Assemblyman Tom Torlakson as Committee Chair.
- Speaker Bass upon approving the committee: "Tom's experience as a teacher and longtime education advocate, make him uniquely qualified to bring these issues to the forefront. I am confident that his thoughtful approach will help us as we develop policies to help kids succeed in schools and their communities."
- Comments from Torlakson on the committee: "Everyone has a stake in the success of our children. It makes sense to have a broad discussion, bringing together communities and educators as partners to ensure our kids are well equipped for the workforce and an accomplished life."