## CSSS 2026 Invitation Letter



# Council of State Science Supervisors

Annual Conference | Anaheim, CA | April 12 - 15, 2026

### You're Invited!

#### Dear CSSS Members,

We're excited to kick off the new school year with updates for the Council of State Science Supervisors 2026 Annual Conference—our premier gathering of state-level science education leaders!

\*\* Theme: Leading the Way for Curious Classrooms, Authentic Assessment, and Innovative Instruction This year's conference will be held April 12 - 15, 2026 in Anaheim, California, with all sessions hosted at the Anaheim Marriott. We'll begin with a welcome reception and member social on Sunday evening, followed by three days of rich programming designed to support your leadership, collaboration, and strategic impact.

#### **Why Attend?**

- Targeted Leadership Development: Sessions focus on high-impact science leadership, featuring peer insights and national experts.
- Collaborative Networking: Small-group discussions foster cross-state idea sharing and problem-solving.
- Strategic Updates: Stay informed on national initiatives, policy shifts, and innovative programs.
- Supporting Critical Aspects of State Science Leadership: inspiring student curiosity, assessing learning with fidelity, implementing innovative instruction.

#### Travel Info

- Airport Info: Note that ground travel times out of LAX can be long.
  - Santa Ana/John Wayne (SNA), 11.7 miles from conference
  - Long Beach (LGB), 17.4 miles from conference
  - Los Angeles (LAX), 37 miles from conference
- Hotel Info: When the room block is ready, Michele Snyder will notify membership.
  - Designated Hotel: Anaheim Marriott 700 W Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802
  - CSSS Room Block: \$191/night (per diem rate if available)
  - Estimated Rate Outside of Room Block: \$305/night + taxes/fees

#### Accepting Proposals Now!

- Proposal Form Here! Also, to help you edit your thoughts outside of a Google form, we have a proposal doc with the questions for you to edit.
- **Proposals are due Friday, October 17**. Submit today or check out the forum to find co-presenters and presentation ideas!
- Breakouts will consist of 60 minute sessions or 30 minute roundtables.

 We are seeking proposals on assessment, innovative instruction, and practical skills and tools for state leaders.

#### Registration Fees - Register here

• Early Bird Member (April 1): \$350

• Member (After April 1): \$390

• Invited Non-Members: \$400

To help with travel approvals, a sample justification letter is available here.

We're building a conference that reflects the mission of CSSS—to serve as the voice and vision of science education for the states. Your participation strengthens our collective leadership and supports excellence in science education nationwide.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele Snyder at website@cosss.org. We look forward to learning and leading with you in Anaheim!

Warm regards,

Council of State Science Supervisors

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