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26 **Memorial Day:** ASBA Office Closed

Rubalcava, Hernandez elected to National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members

Congratulations go to ASBA President Elect Jesus Rubalcava (Gila Bend USD) and board member Lydia Hernandez (Cartwright ESD) on their elections during the recent NSBA Annual Conference. Jesus will be serving as NHC vice-chair and Lydia will take the position of secretary. Great visibility for ASBA and Arizona on the National Hispanic Caucus!

Congratulations to Peoria USD, recipient of 26th Annual Kennedy Center Alliance for the Arts Education Network & National School Boards Association Award

The governing board of Peoria USD (Hal Borhauer, Kathy Knecht, Matthew Bullock, James Kistner and Tracy Livingston) received this prestigious award at last the NSBA Annual Conference. The award, which includes a \$10,000 prize, will be used to continue funding for effective arts education programs in the district. Read more about Peoria's award and the state of arts education in Arizona in this week's [AZEdNews](#).

A. Dean Pickett honored by NSBA Council of School Attorneys

Pickett is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award. He has been a great supporter and invaluable contributor to ASBA. Dean Pickett has presented at every Law Conference since 1983 and provided critical guidance to ASBA member districts for over 35 years. He has also represented Arizona well on the national stage, serving on the NSBA Council of School Attorneys Board of Directors, including Chair of the group. While Dean and his wife, Cindy, are relocating to Colorado to be close to their family, Dean will continue in his semi-retirement to be a tremendous resource to ASBA.

Holcomb receives 2014 ASPRA*tions Award

One of a school board member's most important responsibilities is to be an ambassador for his or her district. Madison Elementary School District Governing Board Member Scott Holcomb was honored last week for doing just that. He received the 2014 ASPRA*tions Award for a Governing Board member for Contributions to Public Relations from the Arizona School Public Relations Association. Way to go, Scott!

What does it take to serve on a local school board?

Learn about what school board members do (and don't do), the basics of board service, eligibility requirements, and how to run for office. Access the recorded webinar by visiting the [Becoming a Board Member](#) page on our [website](#).

'Disconnected youth' focus of May 7, 2014, summit in Phoenix

A recent article in the Arizona Republic reported that, based on a research study by [Measure of America](#), the Phoenix metropolitan area has this country's largest number of "disconnected youth." This organization has labeled young people, ages 16-24, who do not work or attend school as being disconnected. The Disconnected Youth Summit, hosted by Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESA), will focus on raising awareness of disconnected youth, identify factors that contribute to youth disengagement and hopelessness and recognize the negative impact this issue has on our communities. The summit will be held at Desert Willow Conference Center and registration is \$149. [Information/register](#)

ASBA Executive Searches

Opening soon:

- Superintendent, Altar Valley ESD #51 (opens April 18 @ 5 p.m.)
- Superintendent, St. Johns USD #1 (TBA)

Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at shighlen@azsba.org.

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