

Delaine Eastin is the former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. She was elected Superintendent following eight years in the State Assembly and six years on the Union City City Council. Delaine has run for office fourteen times and she's never lost an election.

Born in San Diego and raised in San Francisco and San Carlos, California, Delaine attended Carlmont High School, University of California, Davis, and U.C. Santa Barbara. After graduating with her M.A., Delaine taught at several community colleges, and worked as an accounting manager and then a long-range planner for Pacific Telesis Group until she won election to the Assembly.

As a state legislator, Eastin's legislative accomplishments were varied, ranging from environmental issues to highway funding to education. Notably, Eastin authored AB2448 in 1987, which imposed a new fee on landfill operators based on the amount of solid waste handled, to raise an estimated \$100 million for Superfund landfill cleanup work. During her time as a legislator, Delaine received numerous awards from a variety of diverse groups including:

- Assemblymember of the Year, American Planning Association, California Chapter
- The John F. Foran Award for Legislator of the Year, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- "We Dig California Award", Engineering and Utility Contractors Association
- High Tech Recognition Award, California State Government Affairs Committee
- Presidential Citation Award, California Council, The American Institute of Architects
- Outstanding Legislator of the Year (3 times), California School Boards Association
- AIA Legislator of the Year, California Council, American Institute of Architects
- Award for Advocacy of Small Business, United Minority Business Entrepreneurs, Inc.'
- Laborers' Salute Award, Laborers International Union of North America

In 1995, Delaine was elected to serve the first of her two terms as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The only woman to date to hold this office, Delaine served as a champion for wiring schools for technology and stronger technical and vocational training for students. She launched the Garden in Every School initiative, and was an architect of Net Day, where 30,000 volunteers wired California schools for modern technology. The volunteer 'barn raising' was copied in 40 states and 40 countries. She advocated for STEM and for a return of the arts to K-12 curriculum standards.

While Superintendent, Delaine successfully sued the governor for withholding funds from K-12 schools. She used these funds to reduce class sizes in grades K-3. Delaine also joined the successful lawsuit against Proposition 187 and refused to allow teachers to be used as immigration agents, one of the key provisions of the proposition.

Delaine was an early and strong supporter for LGBTQ rights. She launched the first LGBT Task Force to develop and implement practices to ensure a safe and supportive environment for LGBT students. As a UC Regent, she stood with the University of California leadership to ensure domestic partner benefits when the then Governor tried to reverse that right.

After leaving elected office, Delaine became the first Executive Director of the National Institute for School Leadership, and a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Educational Leadership at Mills College, where she directed the Center for Civic Engagement and Women's Leadership. She has served or serves on a number of boards advocating for foster youth, women's rights, healthy lunches, civic engagement of youth, gardens in schools, electing more women to public office and getting more women into STEM education. She served on the Gevirtz School of Education Board at UCSB and the Alumni Board at UC Davis, as well as chairing the UC Davis Center for Nutrition Education Board.

Delaine resides in Davis, CA. An elementary school in Union City is named after her.