

## **Luan Burman Rivera**

### **Biographical Information: Luan Burman Rivera**

Luan Burman Rivera, a member of the Ramona Unified School District Board of Education in San Diego County since 1994, former teacher and longtime school and community volunteer and activist, is past president of the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

Ms. Rivera has served on CSBA's Delegate Assembly since 1996, was on the CSBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee from 2004-2007, was president of CSBA in 2006, has been Vice President of the San Diego County School Boards Association, is a graduate of CSBA's Masters in Governance Program and holds both a multiple-subject teaching credential and an English as a Second Language Certificate. Additionally, she serves on the San Diego County Superintendents Achievement Gap Task Force and was the Chairperson of California's Cities, Counties and Schools (CCS) Partnership for 2007. The CCS Partnership is a joint endeavor by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and California School Boards Association to promote collaborative efforts in order to build strong communities across the State. Ms. Rivera is currently employed by the CCS Partnership as Director of Special Projects and is a member of the CSBA Masters in Governance faculty.

She has been involved with the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program and has participated in numerous activities designed to enhance tolerance among diverse cultures, including attending the 2001 United Nations World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.

Rivera, a Chicago public school graduate, earned her Bachelor of Science with highest honors from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She has a Master of Arts degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago where she majored in elementary education with a focus on reading. Luan is the mother of two children, Sheyna and Michael, both of whom are graduates of Ramona High School. Rivera's daughter graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.