

Co-Administrators Committee Report

2/27/20 Webinar

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1. ACSA wants to hear from the members on how certain policies impact their district/site. They serve us and want to hear our voices!

2. Prop 13:

- Results of the March election will dictate the rest of the year in terms of funding priorities.
- Has a different political environment since Gov Newsom is supporting this effort, but we also have a downfall from it being called Prop 13.
- CA election numbers take days to come in so don't jump to conclusions tomorrow night when "results" are shared....official results take several days to finalize.

3. State Budget:

- Gov. is looking at the economy as being strong even through this recession - what needs to be exposed to Gov. is the "silent recession" education is seeing.
- Gov. stated that even with LCAP keeping money in the hands of those closest to the students, there has been "stubborn progress" that will most likely lead to targeted dollars to help move the needle. These targeted dollars will give more guidelines to how funds can be spent.
- Even though education funding has gone up by \$2.2 billion, most of that is going to pension increases.
- ACSA is working daily to protect pensions for us, but also knows money for students is going down as money for pensions is going up.
- Lots of money going toward teacher recruitment and retention. ACSA is also asking about admin support that align with the struggles of teacher shortage and retention issues. ACSA is asking how we can access these dollars and hearing that it will possibly be through competitive grants, but ACSA is asking if that is the best for the WHOLE state.

4. ACSA priorities with the budget:

- Prop 98 - Gov. thinks an increase in Prop 98 dollars suffices, but that increase is going toward pensions so ACSA is saying we need more money that the state does not tell us how we have to spend it.
- Mental health dollars - not just about dollars since the state already has significant mental health dollars in the budget, but most of that money goes to counties and the counties are not giving dollars to schools.

5. CoronaVirus:

- "What if" questions are being asked in Sac about possible outbreaks/school closures, etc.

ADA? Funding? No answers yet. It was also stated that it is important that we also look at the economy as a whole in regard to CoronaVirus and how that will impact education.

- State says they will work with us if major closures or outbreaks begin to take place.

6. Late Start:

- Most big ed opposed other than PTA
- ACSA didn't like this bill because it was not best for the whole state.
- There was an attempt to define "rural," but not reconsidering since maybe it is best to not define so any District can apply for a waiver..?!

7. Transitional Kindergarten:

- Looking at this whole initiative that was put in place ten years ago when the birthdate for K entry changed, and are now asking if it really is best practice. Should there be an expansion to the TK program? An increase in students in the K-12 systems could mean more dollars coming to education.

8. LCFF:

- There are bills coming to track the dollars spent since dollars designated for certain programs were not all spent and then just rolled over to funds with no discretion. The state wants more transparency where targeted dollars are being spent to ensure they are being spent on the right thing.
- ACSA is pushing for changes in the template that alleviate work for admin, not add more work.

9. PSPA waivers:

- There is talk about legislation on adding more school closure days to the academic calendar which will support District in negotiations. .
- SB805 (\$ for summer school for missed days): This bill does not yet include any language on supporting expenses and decreased ADA for schools who worked hard to stay open during the PSPA days. This will be lobbied for.

11. Process for ACSA to support or oppose bills:

- The Leg. Policy Committee, which has representation from all regions, is the guiding coalition on ACSA's stance.

12. Schools & Communities First initiative:

- On the Nov. 2020 ballot
- ACSA supports, but might not go all in since:
 1. Majority of the money will go to communities, not schools
 2. There will be similar initiatives down the road that they feel will have more of a chance to pass since big business is already out opposing this initiative (really any change to prop 13).