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# ACSA Superintendency Council

Thursday, August 19, 2021 | 10am-11am  
Via Zoom

**Dr. Ron Carruth, Council President**

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## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

*Ron Carruth, Ed.D., Superintendency Council President*  
*Wes Smith, Ed.D., ACSA Executive Director*

### 2. Governor's Executive Order: Retired Teachers

*Laura Preston, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- Laura shared the executive order in the chat and a brief update on what this means for staffing

### 3. Brown Act Information

*Laura Preston, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- ACSA is part of a group of local government entities
- Pushing for EO extension
  - Governor's office is pushing back
  - As of Sept 30, the EO would expire
  - Trying to get extension through end of year, but not looking good

### 4. Let Them Breathe Campaign

*Laura Preston, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- <https://www.letthembreathe.net/>
- Going around the state protesting at board meetings
- Want to make everyone aware and ask what assistance is needed from ACSA
- Protesting planned in Orange USD, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Merced, Calaveras, Antelope Valley, Murrieta, among many others who mentioned a protest at their board soon

### 5. Public Health Guidance & COVID Response

*Serette Kaminski, ACSA Governmental Relations*

*Edgar Zazueta, Ed.D., ACSA Senior Director of Policy & Governmental Relations*

- Unfortunately, no new sports guidance
- Some of the questions/emails received that we are waiting for clarification on:
  - What if there is exposure outside without masks? What is the quarantine guidance? Still unanswered.

- PE Question – If someone is doing modified quarantine what does that mean for physical education?
- Employee vaccine mandate? What does this mean for elementary schools?
- Can LEAs use County Public Health options for testing? Clarifying if this is a yes.
- For employees who don't work at a school site (mandate specifies "school site") – still waiting on clarification
- Asked about data sharing agreement and access to state's vaccine database
- After school programs run by outside organizations but housed on a school site
- Do you have any insights regarding using short term IS for students being quarantined? We have reached out to get answers and the response from CDE was "we will need our legal to review."
- Our members are now weeks into the school year, we are continuing to push for clarification to these important questions
  - There will be clean up legislation, as it relates to Independent Study, however we understand this is far too late
  - Many have seen significant increase in demand for Independent Study
  - Ivan asked for follow up: What changes/modifications to the current IS Statute would be helpful to you?
    - Asked to drop in the chat or email to [icarrillo@acsa.org](mailto:icarrillo@acsa.org)
      - If a kid is in "attendance" remotely we should just be able to take attendance for them, not do mountains of other paperwork. If we are doing this kind of distance learning to serve a student via zoom, that should count as attendance
      - A modification that allows on a student by student of class by class basis that students may be placed on a short term IS without a master contract based on a certification by a local health official or COE that such a short term IS is necessary. Having the traditional master contract in place is not possible
      - The independent study program is labor intensive and document rich. We need to be able hold an independent study program that does not tax the teacher with the enormous amount of documentation.
      - TK-3 IS requirements difficult for small districts. Our families who opt for independent study do not like the daily synchronous and/or contact. They choose IS for different reasons that fit their families
- Dr. Naomi Bardach is transitioning off the Safe Schools for All team, and Dr. Sohil Sud is joining the team.

## 6. Q&A