

To: Kathleen McCurry
From Sam Neustadt
Re: ACSA Leg Policy Committee Orientation Meeting Notes:

November 18, 2021

All new Leg staff (save Edgar and Kristy). Laura P not replaced yet, but soon (per Edgar).

Per Edgar, no major changes to Platform as we are in the middle of a two year session.

Leg. Platform was briefly reviewed. Edgar pointed out that that these are the streamlined discussion talking points, but not exclusive. Retirement Issues, including maintenance of defined benefit retirement plans through PERS and STRS. I was included on the LPC Sub-Committee that drafted the document last year, but have not been tapped for the group that will update it. The federal

Focus in the upcoming session will focus on pressures to implement everything all at once. Specifically, discussion about pushing out TK was mentioned, while at the same time, Leg Analyst indicated that it was a major part of the solution to declining enrollment.

Further, there will be a big focus on COVID vaccination mandate, with parity for staff. Personal belief exemption will be the tension in this debate. Edgar anticipates us being asked to weigh in, along with endorsement by BOD.

Independent Study will also be a key challenge that the Legislature will be expected to take up, and we will be

2022 Budget Outlook: \$11B in new revenue. 5.3% COLA projected. This new funding, if included in Prop 98 LCFF base, could offset the elimination of "hold harmless" in declining enrollment. All in play.....

Qualified staffing is and will continue to be front and center. IHEs are not responsive enough. I made the point that eliminating post retirement earnings for school related personnel may provide provide marginal relief to this problem. Edgar is dialed on this issue.

SPED (per Megan), is likely to get proposal from the administration to reframe / eliminate the role of SELPAs in the overall provision of services to students with disabilities. Details to follow as the proposals unfold.