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Legislative Action Day

LAD will be held April 7-8th in Sacramento. The legislative staff will provide talking points and look forward to a large presence of administrators advocating for California's students.

Governmental Relations

Governor's Charter School Task Force will be making recommendations on reforms to current charter laws. Edgar Zazueta will be serving on this task force facilitated by Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.

Mental Health Task Force is moving to identify and highlight schools/district doing exceptional work to support mental wellness as well as focusing on policies to increase funding for mental health initiatives.

Equity Department

The Equity Department will be recruiting participants for the new Equity Academy that will be starting in September throughout CA.

Member Services

Member Services continues to put efforts in recruitment and recovery of members. ACSA has lost members due to districts dropping paying for memberships, retirements, and member movement.

Educational Services

Several events are approaching and registrations are available at the ACSA Website: Lead 3 Symposium, Universal City, LA, April 11-13 Sisterhood Leadership Symposium, Alhambra, LA, May 18 Principals' Summer Institute, UCLA, June 23-29 Women in School Leadership Forum, Huntington Beach, CA, Sept. 25-27 Personnel Institute, Long Beach, CA, Oct. 2-4 Leadership Summit, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 7-9

Federal Advocacy

The 19-20 Federal budget proposal presents some challenges for education. The budget calls for a funding reduction of approximately 10% for the Department of Education as part of dramatic cuts to domestic spending. Ultimately, Congress will determine what the budget will include and develop funding priorities. Highlights of the proposal can be found on the ACSA website under Federal Advocacy.

Communication

Cary Rodda is wished a happy retirement. ACSA welcomes Michelle Carl as the new Editorial Content Specialist and EdCal Editor.