



# association of california school administrators

## Committee/Council Name: Small School Districts Committee

**Meeting Date: September 13, 2022**

### Meeting Highlights/Topics

#### SSDC ACSA – September 13 meeting notes

#### **In attendance:**

- Amy Alzina (moderating)
- Richard Malfatti
- Josh Peterson
- Richard Cordero
- John Huber
- Matt Taylor
- Jeff Winfield
- Tim Taylor - SSDA
- Lee Angela Reid – Capitol Advisors
- Barrett Snider – Capitol Advisors
- Megan Baier – ACSA
- Diana Vu - ACSA

**The group did introductions.**

**Amy reviewed ACSA's Mission Statement.**

**Amy reviewed ACSA State Committee Beginning of the Year Planning Template. Shared doc from the agenda. Encouraged folks to get involved, focus on building the regional structure. Folks should share links and invite folks to participate in the meetings.**

#### Government Relations Update:

**Serrette (ACSA) provided an update that the Governor's office will today rescind the requirement that school staff vaccinate or test for COVID-19.**

**Megan framed the status of affairs – end of session and highlights:**

- TK update re mandates block grant
- Notable items that we stopped/fixed:

**-School safety bill (amended gun reporting, threat assistance teams, statewide tip hotline)**

**-Vaccine bills from Assembly Member Wicks, Senator Pan, Senator Weiner (allowing 15 year olds to get vaccines without parental consent, require employees to get COVID-19 vaccines)**

**-Transportation Mandates from Senator Skinner – would have required LEAs to bus all kids for free and raise requirements for bus drivers – would have applied to vans too.**

**-Probationary period bill by Assembly Member McCarty stopped. Would have removed exemption for small districts for tenure for certain faculty (CTE).**

**-CTE graduation requirement**

**Notable wins:**

**-Huge base increase, and increase for NSS**

**-COVID Attendance Relief**

**-Transportation Money**

**We weren't able to get Preschool funding for Basic Aid school districts – will pursue and test claim – BA districts should document everything.**

**Mandatory Kindergarten and full day Kindergarten bills pending before the Governor. Unclear if he will sign them. There was discussion about various scenarios related to full day/part day Kinder/TK.**

**Bad news: working to get SB 490 (Caballero) vetoed. Diana and Lee Angela got the bill killed in the Legislature, but Ag and labor groups got it resurrected. Need folks to oppose with the Governor. Asked for folks to send letters – Megan and Diana offered a draft letter. It's a full course press on the opposition to the bill.**

**Diana Vu provided an update on the state's Dashboard and State/Federal Accountability related to Differentiated Assistance (DA). She shared slides about LEAs Eligibility by Method. There was discussion about the reasons for the construct of the state's Dashboard. Lee Angela and Diana covered the discussion.**

**Diana also updated the group on the 2020-21 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcomes data. She asked for feedback to share with policymakers. Amy discussed the impact on Chronic Absenteeism.**

**Lee Angela Reid and Barrett Snider provided an update on the following:**

**–Meals update – Lee Angela discussed the universal meals implementation issues – needing feedback to get to ACSA and SSDA for effective advocacy.**  
**–Mental Health – the Governor has been talking a lot about a Master Plan – but created confusion in the field. It's not new stuff.**

**The meeting unfortunately was interrupted by a Zoom crash. A smaller group reconvened to finish the meeting.**

**Barrett talked about the sick leave extension (40 hours) that was extended to Dec 31, 2022. He also previewed work that ACSA and SSDA are collaborating on to consolidate a lot of the reporting and compliance requirements that popped up over the past three years. He also framed the transition to the statewide election in November and the Initiatives and fall elections. We are anticipating huge turnover in the Legislature's makeup.**

**Amy talked about the leadership summit and next meetings dates and times.**

**The meeting ended at 11:53 AM**



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## **ACSA State Committee & Council Beginning of the Year Planning Template**

ACSA Bylaws and Board-approved Policies & Procedures call for every state committee and council to formulate a plan outlining the group's purpose, goals, events/activities, and evaluation methods at the beginning of the year for Board consideration. Committee/Council leaders are asked to assure that their group's work aligns with the group's purpose and goals articulated in the plan to maximize our collective efforts. **Please complete and submit this required Annual Planning Template to Courtney Adams, [cadams@acsa.org](mailto:cadams@acsa.org) by October 1, 2022.**

Today's Date: September 13, 2022

Person submitting plan: Dr. Amy Alzina

This Plan is being submitted on behalf of the following State Committee or Council:

Small School Districts Committee

**For Councils only:** When were the bylaws last reviewed/updated?

Purpose as it appears in Board-Approved Policies:

To advocate small school district issues within ACSA. To provide the Legislative Policy Committee information on legislation that would affect small school districts in conformance with ACSA's legislative platform positions. To provide training and information to support small school district administrators. To facilitate networking between CSBA's Small School District Council and the Small School Districts Association Executive Committee. An opportunity for Small School District Superintendents to network and provide collegial support.

1. In alignment with its Board-Approved Purpose and ACSA's Strategic Plan, the Committee or Council's Goals/Objectives for 2022-2023 are as follows:

**KEY RESULT AREA: MEMBER DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT**

- Leadership Development - Milestones A, B, C, D
- Professional Development - Content - Milestones E, F, G
- Professional Development - Delivery/Reinforcement - Milestones H, I, J  
Professional Practice Resources - Milestones K, L
- Member Networking and Collaboration - Milestone M
- District/County/School Site Support Services - Milestones N, O

- a. **Member Development and Support:** Make available easy-to-access resources addressing the latest research, tools and information pertinent to the role of the educational leader.
  - b. **Advocacy and Influence:** Amplify the voice of Small School Districts at the local, state and federal levels by fully leveraging the influence of educational leaders.
  - c. **ACSA Organizational Development and Sustainability:** Provide members with a wide range of meaningful opportunities to contribute their diverse talent, experience and perspective to further the mission, goals and priorities of ACSA.
2. The Committee/Council is planning the following specific events, activities, and meetings for 2022-2023:
- a. Committee Meeting Dates: September 12, 2022,, November 2, 2022,, January 24, 2023, April 21, 2024
  - b. ACSA Leadership Summit Presentations: Small School District Hot Topics and Governmental relations Update for Small School Districts
  - c. ACSA Superintendents Symposium Presentations: Contracts for Small School District Superintendents????
3. Please indicate WHICH Strategic Plan Milestones will be supported by the Committee/Council's goals/objectives and/or planned events, activities and meetings. The Strategic Plan provides detailed descriptions of each Strategic Issue and Milestone.

The Committee/Council will be working on the following milestones in this KEY RESULT AREA:

- District/County/School Site Support Services

- Member Networking and Collaboration

KEY RESULT AREA: ORG. DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

- Organizational Alignment and Accountability - Milestones X,Y, Z, AA, BB
- Member Outreach and Engagement - Milestones CC, DD, EE, FF
- Member Communication - Milestones GG, HH, II
- Sustainability - Milestones JJ, KK

- Professional Development

The Committee/Council will be working on the following milestones in this KEY RESULT AREA:

- Grassroots Advocacy and Influence

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KEY RESULT AREA: ADVOCACY & INFLUENCE

- ACSA in a Leadership Role - Milestones P, Q, R
- Grassroots Advocacy and Influence - Milestones S, T, U
- Media Relations - Milestones V, W

- Member Communication

4. What methods will you use to evaluate your success toward accomplishing goals/objectives and supporting the Strategic Plan Milestones?
  - a. Formal: End of the Year Survey
  - b. Informal: Observational data, quantitative data (emails, conversations, etc...)