

## **Winter 2023-2024**

The Student Services and Special Education (SSSE) Council met in Palm Desert on January 9th prior to the ACSA Every Child Counts Symposium. The SSSE Council completed the preparations for the Symposium and, once again, expressed enthusiasm about commemorating ACSA's most widely attended professional development event of the year. Symposium highlights include keynote speakers Dave Dravecky and Diana Pastora Carson and sessions focused on inclusion, legal compliance, discipline, and social emotional intervention. Overall, it was a rich week of learning and networking with colleagues.

The SSSE Council continues to focus on advocacy efforts related to staffing shortages and increases to special education funding. Additionally, the Council continues to strengthen collaborations and partnerships with other influential organizations with like-minded goals in the state (e.g., SELPA, CASP, SSC, CAPP). Finally, the Council extended congratulations to Ginese Quann on becoming the President-Elect.

The next Student Services and Special Education Council meeting will be held in person in Sacramento on Friday, April 21, 2024.

Thank you,

Dr. Stacy Wheat