

ACSA VPLA Check-In Meeting

1/16/2024

10am-11am

- I. ACSA Response to the Governor's Proposed Budget
 - a. Low COLA (.76%)) will impact district ability to maintain programs.
 - i. Step/Column and STRS/PERS increases would represent a 3% COLA. Anything less will require LEA budget adjustments.
 - ii. Recommendation for all districts to run a multi-year projection using the proposed .76% COLA to determine is current budget can survive it.
 - b. Concern over large discrepancy between LAO budget shortfall projection and Department of Finance projection (approx. \$30 Billion).
 - c. Education was more protected in this proposed budget than other areas of the budget.
 - d. ACSA will partner with the Education Coalition for advocacy around our priorities.
 - i. Legislative Advocacy Days advocacy will focus on need for financial stability, especially to avoid deferrals and mid-year cuts.
 - ii. ACSA will continue to confer with members and other stakeholders on priorities, as well as work with labor partners as appropriate.
- II. Legislative Action Days
 - a. Date change from April 22-23 to April 28-29 to avoid the Passover holiday.
 - b. Early afternoon start on Sunday, April 28th that will include speakers, Friend of Education award and region delegates collaboration.
 - c. Sunday will include a Happy Hour event hosted by ACSA that will conclude by 6pm to allow for regions to depart for dinner together.
 - d. Monday will be the one day for in-person legislative meetings, with the rest of the week available for meetings with legislators unable to meet on Monday.
 - e. Registration is now open, link to be sent to established team by region VPLAs.
- III. Friend of Education Award
 - a. Nominations are now open. Contact region VPLA if interested in a nomination of a state legislator.
 - b. State ACSA will also propose a couple of candidates for consideration.
- IV. Next VPLA Meeting: Feb. 7, 2024 at 9am