



# SUPERINTENDENCY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Via WebEx

**KATIE MCNAMARA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome

*Katie McNamara, Superintendents' Council President*

*Wes Smith, ACSA Executive Director*

- Both Katie and Wes welcomed the group and thanked them for their leadership.
- Wes shared that ACSA will likely be asking for our advocacy again today, and over the next few days

### 2. Reopening Schools Landscape

*Wes Smith, ACSA Executive Director*

*Edgar Zazueta, Senior Director, ACSA Policy & Governmental Relations*

*Iván Carrillo, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- ACSA published a letter last Friday as a joint advocacy effort with management partners (CSBA, CCESA, SSDA, CASBO, ) and the letter was pushed out with the goal of answering the labor proposal for reopening that was shared
  - Some of their recommendations were not helpful for reopening
- There is an imminent deal for legislation, however it continues to be pushed back
- Information based on numerous sources, and this is very fluid and there is not agreement by all parties (the Governor is not on board with some of the aspects of the Legislative plan)
- Plan could be finalized as early as Friday and voted on Tuesday
  - There continues to be an incentive plan – the \$2B would still be distributed, districts would need to apply for the funding
  - \$4.6B would stay separate
  - Language that would make reopening conditional in some way to vaccine availability
  - Testing cadence proposed in the original plan continues to be a part of the legislative plan
    - Unknown impact on schools currently open
  - There is no deal between the Legislature and the Governor right now
- In person instruction has been happening safely in schools in our state and across the country without vaccines and weekly testing

### 3. ACSA Reopening Advocacy

*Wes Smith, ACSA Executive Director*

*Edgar Zazueta, Senior Director, ACSA Policy & Governmental Relations*

- Wes shared our advocacy includes “help us if you can, don’t harm our students and the educators serving them”
- This isn’t just about right now, it’s also about later and as we expand our programs and offer more in-person instruction
- GR has been meeting with legislative leaders along with leaders of other management organizations
- Clear our local advocacy is being heard
- Expand your reach in terms of who you are connecting with, in addition to local legislators it is important for the core team at the table to hear the statewide perspective and not just from their local constituents.
- ACSA’s Call To Action: <https://tinyurl.com/ACSATalkingPoints>
- Contacts: <https://tinyurl.com/ACSACallContacts>
- Start with your local legislators
  - Share your reopening plan
  - Share your story and what you are concerned with and how will it impact you directly, especially around the talking points (link above)
- There is concern that the legislature is including language that may limit flexibility such as 6-foot distancing, testing cadences, and expanding scope of collective bargaining will only add an additional hurdle to reopening.
- Wes challenges us to call leadership **today** to share our concerns.

### 4. CDPH Update on K-12 Schools & Safety Review Process

*Edgar Zazueta, Senior Director, ACSA Policy & Governmental Relations*

*Iván Carrillo, ACSA Governmental Relations*

*Dr. Bardach, Lead for Safe Schools Team*

- Some new information for schools open under the previous CDPH guidelines, including a review process for how to mitigate the new requirements has been shared on the Safe Schools for All Hub: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>
- Challenges with new guidance and safety review – new review system for schools/districts to follow
  - Physical distancing – 6 feet/4 feet and changes from requirements; some schools were not following the updated guidance
    - For schools following the 4 foot distancing, do not need to re-apply
    - Did not say schools have to come into compliance right now, schools are able to stay at their current less than 4 feet of distance, however you do need to submit a letter of intent by next Wednesday (February 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.) <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>
- A question was posed re the need for COVID-19 testing if person has had the vaccine
  - The vaccine was tested to see if there are major symptoms if you catch the virus, it was not tested for the spread of the virus

- Testing is still expected to take place as a mitigation strategy for spread – at this time there isn't enough guidance to change that so the recommendation is still to continue testing

## **5. Spring Assessments Update**

*Diana Vu, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- State Board set a Feb agenda meeting to discuss assessments, however this was cancelled as they were waiting for direction from the Federal Government.
- State Board is waiting for Miguel Cardona to be confirmed as the new Secretary of Education and set a direction on assessments, once that happens the State Board is expected to take action.

## **6. Youth Sports Update**

*Edgar Zazueta, Senior Director, ACSA Policy & Governmental Relations*

- Governor in negotiations with “Let Us Play” coalition, the HS coaches association and others.
- The Governor is working on a deal that would expedite the reopening of youth sports absent of what is currently in place with the tier system.
- Expect they will be announcing a deal that will open sports sooner than earlier identified as they loosen prior guidance.
  - There will be a number of safety precautions that will need to be in place.
- CIF recently came out with additional guidance for students playing both club and high school sports, it is not a mandate that students remain in only one cohort.

## **7. Q&A**