



# SUPERINTENDENCY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Via WebEx

**KATIE MCNAMARA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

*Katie McNamara, Superintendents' Council President*

- ACSA State Leadership Assembly this week - others in other meetings
- Thanked Black Leaders across ACSA for their critical leadership during Black History Month

### 2. Update on Reopening Negotiations

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

- ACSA members have been reaching out to legislative leaders - having an impact
- If it is a deal that makes it more difficult to open or causes some to close - that is not good for anyone
- Hearing that negotiations are very fluid still - far from a done deal
  - Asm McCarty - got ahead of his party a bit and talked about a deal. Not sure if it is true in Senate
  - Discussion about incentivizing LEA's neediest students in purple (nothing definitive)
  - Not hearing about restrictions for districts opening in purple
  - Stronger incentive to serve TK-6 (nothing definitive) in red tier
  - Will still allow for distance learning
  - Still talking about \$2B incentive grant
  - Governor has been adamant that vaccine is not a precondition for reopening
    - Some discussions around giving priority to those in schools or preparing to open?
  - Testing cadence still needs advocacy
    - Legislative still holding to CDPH guidelines
    - Concern that may hold up some reopenings
  - Still not sure if new deal will create additional demands to bargain
- CTA did a media buy in the past few days around schools not being safe to reopen yet
  - Creating some challenges related to recall effort

### 3. CDC Guidelines

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

- [CDC California K-12 Schools Guidance Crosswalk](#)
  - With right mitigation strategies - safe to have in person instruction
- Believe that state plan will try to find alignment with CDC plan

### 4. Assessments: Request for Waiver

*Diana Vu, ACSA Governmental Relations*

- CA does not have confirmation from Federal Govt around testing waiver
- Concern about learning loss
- SBE and CDE now anticipating we won't get a waiver
  - State Looking at 3 options
    - Extending window until July 30th
    - Opening new window at beginning of year - 10/30
    - Utilizing an alternative test
- ACSA is asking leaders to make calls or write letters prior to next Wednesday's Board CDE Meetings
  - [SBE Meeting for February 24, 2021](#)
  - [SBE Public comment guidelines](#)
    - Can virtually give one minute of testimony
- Possible that CDE is just exploring options in case, but very concerned
- All statewide education coalition in agreement and working together

### 5. Q&A