

COUNCIL OF STUDENT SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERS

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The Student Services and Special Education (SSSE) Council met in San Diego on January 12th 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 general session speakers Adam Steltzner, Dr. Emad Rahim, and Marke Freeman and sessions focused on inclusion, legal compliance, discipline, social emotional intervention, and supporting districts, students and families with the recent fires in our state. Overall, it was a rich week of learning and networking with over 1500 colleagues.

The SSSE Council continues to focus on advocacy efforts related to special education funding, staffing shortages, and legislative advocacy. 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, CAPPA).

The next Student Services and Special Education Council meeting will be held virtually on Friday, April 25, 2025.