

Vice Presidents for Legislative Action

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Leadership Assembly
Via WebEx

Vice President for Legislative Action, Barbara Martinez

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – Barbara Martinez, State VPLA
Barbara welcomed VPLAs to the meeting. She also introduced a new member of the ACSA GR team- Serrette Kaminski.
- III. **Recognition of Outgoing VPLA's** –Barbara Martinez, State VPLA
A presentation was made highlighting the outgoing VPLAs across the state.
- IV. **The Latest from Sacramento** – Edgar Zazueta, Ed.D., ACSA Senior Director of Policy and Governmental Relations
 - a. Ivan Carrillo provided an update. The May Revise will come out on Friday. There is a lot of political hype due to the recall and pandemic issues. Significantly more Prop 98 funds will be available for schools.
 - b. There will be a phase in over 3 years of Universal TK for students. Significant costs exist with this proposal.
 - c. Increased COLA will be implemented for LCFF and Special Education versus other categorical programs. 5.07% COLA for LCFF and Special Education.

- d. High concentrations of UPP districts will have competitive grants available in the new fiscal year.
- e. Funds will be available for teacher professional development and pre-service programs.
- f. Deferrals will be decreased, leaving only the June to July deferral.
- g. Default mode of instruction will be ADA based apportionments for in person instruction. Distance learning will be covered by independent study code and policies.
- h. Senate is holding up AB 104, the bill allowing parents to request retention for their students. The retention piece will be modified if it is heard by the Senate. Schools will not have to advertise retention to their parents. LEAs will have the final decision regarding if a student is retained. The timing for this legislation is very problematic. When updates occur, GR team will update members.

Edgar Zazueta followed up with thanks to our members for their participation in Leg Action Day.

V. Legislative Action Day Debrief (All)

- a. Pros – What did we get right?
 - i. The documentation (planning document, issue document, other documents provided by ACSA).
 - ii. The format provided for the pre-meeting helped to facilitate the process.
 - iii. The additional sessions were great.
 - iv. Virtual format allowed for much more participation. Over 600 members took part in some part of Leg Action day.
 - v. The pre-meeting video was a great support for members who were new to Leg Action.
- b. Cons – Where can we improve?
 - i. Virtual format made it hard to connect with the legislators in some situations.
 - ii. Secondary meetings are not working as well as they could. Most regions were not able to get a secondary meeting scheduled.
 - iii. Timing of release of documents made it difficult to organize the group ahead of time.

c. Important Takeaways

VI. **Adjournment**