



CHAIR REPORT

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GOALS

1. Supporting academic achievement and continuous improvement, with a focus on closing the achievement gap.
2. Developing collaborative leadership approaches that are future-focused and responsive to changing conditions.
3. Addressing national initiatives.
4. Providing leadership for California initiatives impacting instruction and student achievement.
5. Providing leadership for technology-based curriculum and instruction approaches.

Previous Meeting Highlights 1/21/21 ([Agenda](#))

- Next Meeting March 25, 2021
- Agenda will include:
 - Subcommittee Highlights
 - Integrated State Agency Updates
 - System of Support- State Areas of Focus (Led by Geo Leads)
 - Reimagining Data and Assessment
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Focus on Equity
 - Pace Report on COVID Impact Research
 - Accountability Update

Ongoing Initiatives & Plans

Should be an update for superintendents based on prior work and discussions.

- LCAP Template training is wrapping up and will shift to focus on calibration calls.
- CISC is partnering with BASC to update the LCAP Approval Manual
- Many CISC members participated in an “All Leads” meeting for the System of Support (SOS). We discussed two key areas of focus- reimagining data and assessment and social emotional learning. Geo Leads will partner with other SOS Lead Agencies to respond to immediate needs in these two areas.
- The Reimagining Differentiated Assistance workgroup (from the Accountability

Subcommittee) is hosting [two sessions](#) designed to provide opportunities for COEs to continue learning from each other and supporting ongoing efforts around continuous improvement.

Concerns & Considerations

Things the superintendents need to be apprised of in relation to steering committee interactions, work, or emerging issues.

- A [letter](#) was submitted to the SBE on behalf of CISC and CCSESA advocating for SBE to apply for a waiver for state assessments. Public testimony was provided encouraging the SBE to pursue maximum flexibilities.
- While the waiver for accountability will provide some relief, there is still great concern in the field about the social emotional toll and loss of critical learning time if state assessments are still required
- The Geographic Lead Agencies will continue to work with state agency partners to define and refine the evolving role of the SOS.
- We continue to work on ensuring appropriate communication and feedback loops are in place between the SOS, county office leaders, state agency partners and other stakeholders

Action Items

Can include things that need input and superintendents' feedback & partnerships. Please err on the side of adding too much information.

- Meet with state agency partners on a regular basis to align initiatives, provide feedback and integrate support.
- Review CISC goals and revise to reflect intentional focus on equity.
- Work with CISC subcommittees to ensure the focus on equity is interwoven in their work.
- Continue dialogue around coherent approaches to differentiated assistance amongst county offices and with state agency partners.
- Develop systems to support local formative assessments and data literacy in the absence of reliable state assessment data.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

May 20-21

September 16-17

November 18-19