



# CHAIR REPORT

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## GOALS

1. Provide cohesive guidance with timely release of Common Message.
2. Facilitate improved communication in the area of pension reporting.
3. Return to some in-person collaboration while maximizing virtual tools for more timely communication, reduced travel and accommodations cost, and better access for all participants in the State.

### Previous Meeting Highlights - May 14, 2021

- Common Message for May Revision has expected release of May 27, 2021.

### Ongoing Initiatives & Plans

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

- Michael Simonson (SDCOE) will follow Shanon Hansen as Common Message Chair.
- The CCSESA Advisor Group on Pension Systems conducted three meetings, co-chaired by Kate Lane and Dr. Candi Clark and facilitated by Derick Lennox. The first two meetings were with CalSTRS on April 23 and 30, and the other on May 7 with CalPERS. This group is a cross-section of CCSESA membership. The group goals are to have focused, solution-based collaboration with CalSTRS and CalPERS, regarding retirement reporting issues. This group is unique from other retirement reporting collaborations in that it elevates the engagement to a higher level of management for communication specifically related to proposed shifts in penalties for school districts that surfaced last year.

### Concerns & Considerations

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

- A proposal was introduced last year to shift penalties and payments from STRS retirees to employers for errors. Similarly, other legislation legitimized and shifted cost to employers for PERS. Both errors from unclear guidance, and validating post-PEPRA non-compliant reporting have negative policy implications.

### Action Items

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

- I request the approval of Michael Simonson as BASC Chair for 2022-23. Michael Simonson is the Deputy Superintendent, Chief Business Officer for San Diego County Office of Education.
- I request the approval of 3-month extensions to the chair roles of Dean West and Shannon Hansen to facilitate transition to a fiscal year, if CCSESA shifts to fiscal year.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 18 (Remote), August 6 (Remote), and September 10 (Remote)

[Cancelled July 9 meeting which was only scheduled remotely, if needed. ]

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