



CCSESA State and Federal Legislative Priorities for 2022

Recommendation

Approve the association's policy priorities for 2022, as proposed in this agenda item.

Background

CCSESA's membership annually identifies its top policy priorities for the coming calendar year. On even-numbered years, the membership reviews and updates its policy platform.

In order to develop our 2022 policy priorities, CCSESA staff engaged with the membership at multiple points. First, an online survey, completed by 34 county superintendents, that narrowed the possible topics to just four issues. Second, a discussion with our Legislative Committee that confirmed the four issues were of statewide importance to county superintendents and that further developed the various issues through discussion. Third, another survey of the full membership during a Monday all-superintendents meeting to ensure the issues were on point.

At CCSESA's General Membership meeting of October 19, 2021, the membership will vote to adopt these issues as the association's policy priorities for 2022. If adopted, CCSESA staff will further refine the priorities through written materials and will engage with policy makers consistent with these priorities.

2022 CCSESA Policy Priorities

- 1) Supporting policies that serve the whole child and promote pupil mental health.
- 2) Fully engaging on special education policy, including supporting better student outcomes and elevating successful governance models.
- 3) Supporting internet connectivity and access to technology for all students.
- 4) Aggressively addressing staffing shortages among classified and certificated staff.

Strategic Plan

Program Goals:



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- Advocacy—Collaborate to influence public systems that impact children.

Subgoals and Strategies:

- Create a meaningful and proactive annual public policy agenda to direct legislative and other governmental actions that ensures a strong and equitable public education system that benefits children and families throughout California and builds public will to support schools.
- Utilize a set of three focus areas to guide the work of CCSESA each year, as it develops legislative priorities, professional development, and thematic meetings.