



Approval of New Contracts for Services

Recommendation: Review and approve the proposed term sheets- three new consulting contracts with the county offices of education in Sacramento, San Diego, and Kern.

Background:

Over the past year, CCSESA has resourcefully expanded its capacity to both lead on the membership's policy priorities and develop organizational faculties by engaging in formal and informal agreements for services with county offices of education. Santa Clara (Amanda Dickey) has supported CCSESA's advocacy on pupil mental health, pupil wellness, Medi-Cal/LEC, and early learning. Kern County (Frank Fekete) has supported the Association's legal work. San Bernardino (Dr. Kegham Tashjian) has facilitated the adoption of an evaluation process for the Executive Director.

In the coming year, CCSESA has identified two areas, aligned with our organizational priorities and values, that we believe will require additional capacity.

First, special education will be a defining area of engagement for CCSESA in the coming year. We anticipate the introduction of major policy reforms during the upcoming legislative and budget cycle. Special education financing, policy, and delivery models are uniquely complex. The political backdrop is equally complex. With the consent of Dave Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, **Kristin Wright** has generously agreed to support CCSESA's engagement on special education over the coming year. **See Agreement (1)**. As the former CDE Special Education Division Director and current Executive Director of Equity, Prevention and Intervention at Sacramento COE, Ms. Wright brings a wealth of policy, county office, and political experience with respect to this topic.

Second, equity goals continue to encompass all aspects of CCSESA's policy, programmatic, and stakeholder work. Moreover, CCSESA is a committed participant in multiple groups addressing equity within the public education system. These include the Education Coalition's Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice and the California Equity Leadership Alliance. Within CCSESA, the Board of Directors approved, and our members have participated in, the Racial Justice Advisory Group, which was established to study the role of county offices of education and local educational agencies in addressing systemic racism within California's public schools.

As the CCSESA Legislative Committee develops positions on bills, we want equity perspectives to remain an important factor. The same goes for policy implementation. Equity plays a key role in the review of LCAPs and corresponding supports for school districts. County offices are playing a growing role in emerging curricular issues, such as Critical Race Theory and Ethnic Studies.

With the agreement of Dr. Mary Barlow, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Ms. **Krista Herrera**, has agreed to support CCSESA's engagement on educational equity. Ms. Herrera is the Administrator of Professional Learning & Student Support with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. **See Agreement (2)**.



With the agreement of Dr. Paul Gothold, San Diego County Superintendent of Schools, **Steven A. Dorsey, Ed.D., and Valentin Escanuela, M.Ed.**, have agreed to support CCSESA's engagement on educational equity. Within their county office's Equity Department, Dr. Dorsey and Mr. Escanuela are Executive Leadership Coaches. **See Agreement (3).**

AGREEMENT (1)

Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools (Kristin Wright)

Parties	1. California County Superintendents Educational Services Association ("CCSESA") 2. Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools
Service	Consulting services to CCSESA relating to special education policy performed by Kristin Wright , Executive Director of Equity, Prevention and Intervention at the Sacramento County Office of Education ("Consultant").
Term	12 months, from December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022. (Option to extend or amend with prior written approval by both parties.)
Description of Services	Consultant shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the capacity of CCSESA to lead statewide policy conversations on special education and supporting students with disabilities by developing a deep understanding of county superintendents and channeling those perspectives into the elements of advocacy for use by the Association.• Under the direction of the Executive Director, serve as a staff consultant to the CCSESA Special Education Advisory Group, which is comprised exclusively of county superintendents and was established to study the role of county offices of education in California's system of delivering services to students with disabilities and to develop recommendations to the full membership of superintendents relating to special education legislation and policy.• Meet every other week with the Executive Director, CCSESA staff, and chairs of the Special Education Advisory Group.• Produce materials and agendas, in consultation with CCSESA staff, for the Advisory Group.• Leverage Consultant's expertise, background, and relationships to provide direct support or materials to county superintendents in forums

	<p>including CCSESA's all-superintendents video calls and General Membership meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide level-setting educational materials and presentations to county superintendents as they study special education policy. • Elevate the voices of county superintendents by developing a deep understanding of their perspectives and synthesizing those perspectives into formats usable for advocacy by CCSESA staff. • Interface with the Special Education Administrators of County Offices (SEACO) on an as needed basis. • Attend the General Membership meeting on January 25, 2022 (whether in person or virtual to be determined). <p>For purposes of reporting to the Fair Political Practices Commission, this position is for consulting only and will not require lobbyist registration.</p>
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AGREEMENT (2)

Kern County Superintendent of Schools (Krista Herrera)

Parties	<p>1. California County Superintendents Educational Services Association ("CCSESA")</p> <p>2. Kern County Superintendent of Schools</p>
Service	Consulting services to CCSESA relating to public policy performed by Krista Herrera , Administrator of Professional Learning & Student Support, Kern County Superintendent of Schools ("Consultant").
Term	12 months, from December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022. (Option to extend or amend with prior written approval by both parties.)
Description of Services	<p>Consultant shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the capacity of CCSESA to lead statewide policy conversations on student equity by advising the Association, developing a deep understanding of county superintendent's perspectives, and channeling those perspectives into the elements of advocacy for use by the Association. • Leverage Consultant's expertise, background, and relationships to enhance the work of county superintendents on matters of equity for the state's students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of the Executive Director and Senior Director of Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs, serve as a staff consultant to the CCSESA Racial Justice Advisory Group, which was established to study the role of county offices of education and local educational agencies in addressing systemic racism within California's public schools. • Produce level-setting educational materials and agendas, in consultation with CCSESA staff, for the Advisory Group or other membership events. • Serve on stakeholder groups on behalf of CCSESA, including the Education Coalition Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice and California Equity Leadership Alliance ("CELA"). • Assist with the planning of CCSESA's General Membership meeting, which will focus on various elements of equity within our educational system. • Advise on legislation and policy to support the efforts of the Legislative Committee. • Meet every other week with the Executive Director, Senior Director of Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs, and other CCSESA staff. • Researching the practices of local educational agencies through Consultant's networks. • Elevate the voices of county superintendents by developing a deep understanding of their perspectives and synthesizing those perspectives into formats usable for advocacy by CCSESA staff. <p>For purposes of reporting to the Fair Political Practices Commission, this position is for consulting only and will not require lobbyist registration.</p>
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AGREEMENT (3)

San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (Steven A. Dorsey, Ed.D., and Valentin Escanuela, M.Ed)

Parties	<p>1. California County Superintendents Educational Services Association ("CCSESA")</p> <p>2. San Diego County Superintendent of Schools</p>
Service	Consulting services to CCSESA relating to public policy performed by Steven A. Dorsey, Ed.D. , Executive Leadership Coach, Equity, San Diego County

	Office of Education, and Valentin Escanuela, M.Ed , Executive Leadership Coach, Equity, San Diego County Office of Education ("Consultants").
Term	12 months, from December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022. (Option to extend or amend with prior written approval by both parties.)
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