



### **CCSESA Equity Initiative**

**Presenter:** Derick Lennox and Lindsay Tornatore

**Item Type:** Discussion

**Recommendation:** Staff will update the Board on the CCSESA Equity Initiative.

**Background:** At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board took action to amend the CCSESA Budget to cover specialized work in the area of equity. CCSESA has contracted with San Diego County Office of Education and Kern County Office of Education for the expertise of Steven Dorsey, Valentin Escanuela, and Krista Herrera in our equity work with the Education Coalition and the California Equity Leadership Alliance. These contractors have played an essential role in our conversations with the Education Coalition. They have provided valuable feedback to the work products of the Racial Justice Committee and have helped to determine the next topics that the group will address. Currently, the equity consultants are working with CCSESA staff and Dr. Kathryn Edwards, Director Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (LACOE) to map out the topics and discussion that will be addressed during upcoming general membership meetings and Monday calls to create connection and coherence from one meeting to the next.