



California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

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May 25, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President pro Tempore
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
(sent via email)

**Re: Dr. Francisco Escobedo
Appointment to State Board of Education
Senate Rules Hearing June 1, 2022**

Dear Senator Atkins:

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the appointment of Dr. Francisco Escobedo to the State Board of Education. CCSESA advocates on behalf of K-12 and early childhood education at state and federal levels, and in partnership with state agencies. Our membership consists of the 58 county superintendents statewide, who represent over 1,000 school districts and the 6 million students that attend our public schools.

Dr. Escobedo is the Executive Director of the National Center of Urban Transformation (NCUST) at San Diego State University, where he is an adjunct professor of Educational Administration. He has been a member of the State Board of Education since September 2021, where he was selected to serve in this important role because of his commitment to truly understand the needs of our students in today's world, with a mindset to support success stories rather than problems.

His contributions while serving as Superintendent at Chula Vista Elementary School District, earned him national recognition for his work to address achievement gaps. In his role as a member of the State Board of Education, he will be faced with challenging decisions, but ones that need to be made keeping the diverse needs of our students in mind. We have no doubt that his professional career to this point has prepared him to make his decisions thoughtfully and with careful consideration.

For the above reasons, **CCSESA strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Francisco Escobedo** to the State Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Duardo
Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools
President, CCSESA