

# CCSESA FOCUS

## A Weekly Update to County Superintendents of Schools

Thursday, July 24, 2014

### **Update on Legislation/Controller's Request/SMAA**

We have received questions over the past two weeks on several issues that may be of interest to many county superintendents across the state:

AB 2216 (Muratsuchi) is a bill that would extend the county office maintenance of effort requirement for ROCP funding by an additional two years, through 2016-17. CCSESA has an oppose position on the bill and is working actively to defeat it. The bill will be considered in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 4. We are working with the county superintendents who have legislators on that committee to get the bill stopped or amended. If the bill passes out of that committee, we will be contacting all county superintendents to oppose the bill as it moves to the Senate Floor. We have already talked with staff to the Governor and Department of Finance, and we expect they would recommend a veto if the bill reaches the Governor's desk in its current form.

State Controller's Request for Salary Data - The State Controller's Office has responded positively to our request to meet with representatives of BASC to discuss the format issues that make it so difficult to respond to the Controller's request. The meeting should take place soon and we will provide a further update following that discussion.

State Medicaid Administrative Activities (SMAA) - CCSESA is working in collaboration with other state organizations, CDE, and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to resolve the many outstanding issues concerning SMAA operations and funding. The state's SMAA claiming plan has been conditionally approved by the federal government and DHCS has indicated that it will be revising the plan by July 31 to address concerns expressed by our organizations. DHCS has also committed to continuing to meet and work with our coalition to resolve remaining issues and improve communications.

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