



State Legislative Update

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Goals of Today's Presentation

- Review Current Non-Credit Related Budget and Legislative Proposals
- Obtain Feedback from the Field on Proposals
- Continue Collaborating on Advocacy Efforts and Creating Targeted and Strategic Messages

Current Political Climate

- New Leadership:
 - We have a new Senate Republican Leader, Jean Fuller.
 - We will have a new Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon. He will be sworn in on March 7th.
- Better Budget Times
- Twelve-Year Term Limits
- Statewide Chancellor's Office Changes

Current Political Climate

- What does this mean?
 - Committee membership will change.
 - We have an opportunity to build longer lasting relationships with Members of the Legislature.
 - Policies or culture may change at the Chancellor's Office.
 - We need to plan ahead for budget deficits.

Governor's Proposed Budget

- The overall budget looks favorable for the Community College system.
- Some highlights include:
 - **Adult Education Block Grant:** \$500 million to fund courses in elementary and secondary basic skills, citizenship, ESL, programs for adults with disabilities, short-term CTE programs, and programs for apprentices.
 - **Student Success for Basic Skills Program:** \$30 million for faculty and staff development activities, and for providing grant funds to community college districts to improve outcomes of students who enter college needing at least one course in ESL or basic skills.

Adult Education Trailer Bill

- California School Employees Association Proposal:
 - Trailer Bill Language would add to existing law:
“The consortium has considered input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision.”

Concerns with Trailer Bill

- Vagueness of “considered input.”
- Vagueness of “before it makes a decision.”
- Question of how to prove this process was followed.
- Added layer of administrative burden.

Legislative Proposal

- AB 1846 (Lopez):
 - This bill was introduced on February 10th by Assemblymember Patty Lopez from the San Fernando Valley.
 - The bill appropriates an additional \$250 million from the State's General Fund to the Adult Education Block Grant.
 - The bill states the intent to take the funds from the General Fund, but notes funds can be pulled from other sources in the event of any related proposition that may pass in November.

Local Feedback: How is AB 86 Working? What does the future look like?

- What have been the local experiences with K-12 Districts and developing the plans?
- Has there been roadblocks to success?
- Are additional resources needed?

THANK YOU!

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