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Advisory Council Highlights

October 18, 2024

This newsletter is intended to inform the field. Please share this with your regional superintendents or any interested parties.

INTRODUCTION

Matt Navo, California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Executive Director, opened the Advisory Council meeting, welcoming FCMAT Chief Executive Officer, Mike Fine, and Deputy Operations Officer, Greg Scull.

HOT TOPICS: POLICY & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Addressing Financial Challenges and Enrollment Decline

Mike Fine discussed the state's financial situation, noting that while the budget for Prop 98 is adequate for maintenance, it is not sufficient for growth. The state can fund the upcoming cost-of-living adjustment with some funds remaining. Mike highlighted the reduced number of fiscally distressed districts due to their proactive measures. He emphasized the challenges faced by small districts with declining enrollment, which is expected to continue, as they have limited options to adjust to lost revenue. These districts constitute a significant portion of those in distress. Mike stressed the need for districts to adapt to this new normal. He explained that districts can only recover a fraction of lost revenue per student due to declining enrollment not being uniform across grades. Mike clarified that the "declining enrollment dividend" occurs when Prop 98 funding is stagnant or growing while serving fewer students, leaving the legislature to allocate the remaining Prop 98 funds.

Mirasucci's 938 Bill and Classified Employee Data Collection

Mike Fine discussed the implications of Mirasucci's 938 bill, which aimed to increase LCFF targets and salary schedules. He explained that the bill was gutted, leaving only the requirement for collecting classified employee salaries in five categories. Mike also clarified that the J. 90 certification process, currently voluntary, is funded by a partnership with CTA and CFT. He mentioned ongoing discussions about the complexities of the classified employee data collection and whether the subcontractor, School Services of California, would continue with the task. Mike also highlighted the challenges for the State Board of Education (SBE) due to their funding cut. He mentioned that they are currently drafting a proposal to clean up the issue at the budget level. Mike discussed the upcoming amendments to 938 as part of the Budget Trailer Bill, which would refine dates, separate certificates, and classified reports. He also

CCEE Executive Director

Matt J. Navo

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Links / References

- [Agenda for October 18, 2024](#)
- [AC Bylaws](#)

addressed concerns about the revenue limit model and the potential for reduced COLAs and program cuts. Mike suggested that the new fee payer fee schedule could increase revenue opportunities but noted that it might not cover full costs. A question about the direct billing piece was answered by Sacramento County Superintendent Dave Gordon, who explained the complexities of the billing system and the need for caution in relying on reimbursements. Mike concluded by stating that the Legislature is torn between supporting categorical programs and the base grant flow through supplemental concentration.

Calpads Certification Milestones and Phased Approach

Greg discussed the milestones and key dates for Calpads certification throughout the year, mentioning that the criteria for differentiated assistance (DA) are still being finalized. He clarified that DA eligibility for Calpads is a one-year window, starting from the release of the dashboard, and that charter schools are not included in the DA criteria. Greg also outlined a three-year phased approach to data certification, with the second year currently underway. He mentioned that they are working on releasing draft remediation plans with the department. The team agreed to wait until the dashboard release before starting the clock for districts to qualify for support.

Following a question regarding input regarding the CalPads Process, Greg discussed a meeting they had just last week and the ongoing development process for CSIS and CDE, with Greg emphasizing input from stakeholders after a recent meeting with California County Superintendents. Greg highlighted the CSIS data management maturity model and the challenge of defining 'quality data.' Mike added that recent fluidity stemmed from the Superintendent's meeting, with CDE actively listening.

CCEE HIGHLIGHTS

Developing District State Study Team (DSST)

Chris and Mindy discussed the development of a District State Study Team (DSST) model to proactively support districts in improving their special education services. They shared their experience with the pilot project, which involved working with Newport Mesa and Wes Smith. The model involves an initial intake, data analysis, focus groups, synthesizing the data, creating an action plan, and implementation support. The goal is to help districts identify key strategic actions to improve their special education services. Heidi, the Systems Improvement Support Lead Director for El Dorado County, was introduced as a key partner in the project. The team is seeking feedback from the Council on how to roll out the project effectively. If you have ideas or input for the team, please leave a comment on the Google Doc linked [HERE](#).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Executive Director Matt Navo wrapped up the meeting, quickly noting that the next AC meeting would be held on December 20, 2024, with a focus on the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LREBG) through the SSOS & DTA.

Executive Director Navo also provided updates/notes/links to the following:

- State Letter and Asks from Legislator- Newman ([Question](#))- if you have any response to these questions please log them here.
- [LCFF hearing \(ARCHIVE Video\)](#)
- [Educational Partner Feedback 24-25- Q & A](#)
- [CCEE Quarter I -24/25](#)
- [Leg. Update- 24'](#)

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