



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2018 Legislative Calendar

- **February 16th** – Deadline to Introduce a Bill
- **Mid-March** – Policy Hearings Begin
- **April 27th** – Last Day for policy hearings (fiscal)
- **May 11th** – Last day for policy hearings (non-fiscal)
- **May 15** – Release of Governor's 'May Revise'
- **June 1st** – Last day for bills to pass out of their House of Origin



LAUSD Legislative Priorities

- **Full-funding for P-12 Education –**
 - AB 2808 (Muratuschi) would increase the base grants of LCFF and in doing so, also increase the supplemental and concentration grants for low income, English learner, and foster students. ***L.A. Unified is in support of this bill.***

- **Local and State Revenue Streams –**
 - SCA 22 would allow school district parcel taxes to pass with 55% of local voters approving, rather than the current 2/3 requirement. ***L.A. Unified is in support of this proposed Constitutional Amendment.***

 - Signatures are currently being collected to place the **California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018** on the November 2018 ballot. This proposition would close the commercial property tax loophole by requiring commercial and industrial real property to be taxed based on fair-market value and will dedicate the increased revenue to education and local services.



LAUSD Legislative Priorities

- **Special Education Funding –**
 - Ongoing advocacy for a formula change that would distribute funding equitably, based on student need and type of disability.

- **Administrator-to-Teacher Ratios –**
 - Local bargaining coalition efforts underway to ask via the State Budget process for a two year waiver and magnet school exemption.



LAUSD Sponsored Bills

- **AB 2234 (Jones-Sawyer) Student Witness Protections.**
 - Clarifies authority of administrative law judges (ALJ) to implement student witness protections during employee dismissal cases when egregious actions are alleged, including authority to utilize two-way closed circuit television or videotaped student testimony; protection of student witness from undue harassment/embarrassment; and other protections that mirror those available to children in the criminal courts. ***AB 2234 is awaiting action in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***



LAUSD Sponsored Bills

- **AB 2488 (O'Donnell) School Facilities: Task Order Procurement.**
 - Establishes a pilot authorizing LA Unified to award multiple task order procurement contracts for the repair and renovation of school buildings and grounds, to streamline the contract procurement process, eliminate 'surge pricing' during times of high demand, and negotiate contract rates saving time and money. ***AB 2488 is awaiting action in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

- **AB 3192 (O'Donnell) LEA Medi-Cal billing option: audit guide.**
 - Directs the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide school districts with a fiscal and program compliance audit guide of the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program to clarify reimbursable costs and eliminate differing interpretations of what can be billed and reimbursed for. ***AB 3192 awaits action in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

SPECIAL EDUCATION Advocacy Day – May 2, 2018



- Meetings held with 21 Legislative Offices:
 - ▣ Sen. Allen*, Sen. Bradford*, Sen. De Leon, Sen. Hertzberg, Sen. Lara, Sen. Mitchell*, Sen. Portantino, Sen. Stern, Sen. Wilk
 - ▣ Asm. Bloom, Asm. Burke, Asm. Carillo, Asm. Chau, Asm. Gipson*, Asm. Jones-Sawyer*, Asm. Muratsuchi, Asm. Nazarian, Asm. O'Donnell, Asm. Rendon, Asm. Santiago*
- Message – Formula Change based on Student Need – Not Census
- Strategy – Two Fold – short term relief thru budget process; long term goal of permanent funding change based on student need.



L.A. Unified Advocacy Day – May 24, 2018

- Key Legislative Asks:
 - ▣ Boost LCFF Funding - Extend targets
 - ▣ Add special education funding based on student need
 - ▣ Provide waivers on penalties due to admin-to-teacher ratio

- L.A. Unified's LCFF Story
 - ▣ Reflect on LCFF outcomes thus far: Increases in the graduation rate and English Learners reclassification
 - ▣ Work to enlist individuals to tell the L.A. Unified story and make the ask



Washington DC Lobby Week

- Held meetings with 8 legislative offices:
 - ▣ Sen. Feinstein, Rep. Barragan*, Rep. Chu*, Rep Gomez*, Rep. Roybal-Allard, Rep. Lieu*, Rep. Bass*, Rep. Cardenas
 - ▣ Also held meetings with minority staff for House Education & Workforce Committee and minority staff for Senate HELP Committee

- Advocated for increases in Title I, Title II, and IDEA, Reauthorization of Perkins Act, and a fix for DACA

- Due to this advocacy, Members of Congress will be visiting an L.A. Unified school and discussing importance of IDEA



Thank You!

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