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OGR’s Advocacy Role

- Advocate at the local, state, and federal levels
- Develop and execute a legislative advocacy agenda that is coherent and aligned with District priorities
- Develop and maintain relationships with elected officials
- Analyze and monitor legislation and regulatory bodies
- Assist with implementation of new laws
Legislative Advocacy Overview

- Legislative Guiding Principles:
  - Consistent practice in comparison to statewide education associations
  - Frame reaction to common themes of legislative interest
  - Guide the advocacy of legislative proposals and the State Budget

- Legislative Priorities:
  - Identifies areas of proactive advocacy that directly impact Los Angeles Unified
  - Outlines key policy objectives and goals
Legislative Guiding Principles

- **Principles:**
  - Academic Achievement
  - Adequacy of Funding
  - Equity
  - Organizational Sustainability

- **Education Issue Areas:**
  - Adult Education
  - Charter Schools
  - Curriculum and Instruction
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Federal Policies
  - School Facilities
  - State Mandates
  - School Finance
  - Special Education
  - Supporting the Whole Child
2020 Legislative Priorities
Local Level Priorities:

- Encourage Civic Engagement Efforts
- Access Prop. 63 Funds via County Partnership
- Year-round Public Transit Passes for Students
- Increase Access to Green Spaces
- 2020 Census Campaign Outreach
State Level Priorities:

- Support Efforts to Increase Funds for P-12 Education
- Seek Sustainable Special Education Funding
- Pursue Alternatives to Marijuana Related Expulsions
- Authorize School-Based Programs for School Nurses Credential
- Maximize Underutilized Property for Employee Housing
- Pursue Inquiry to Shift From ADA to Fixed Enrollment Funding
2020 Legislative Priorities

State Level Priorities:

- Advocate for Mandatory Kindergarten
- Expand Transitional Kindergarten to Children who Turn Five in July and August
- Strengthen Administration of the Adult Education Program
- Expedite Release of Unclaimed Property
- Extend/Eliminate Sunset for Best Value Procurement Requirements
- Pursue Cost Savings for Progressive Design Build by Securing Construction Prices in Advance
2020 Legislative Priorities

Federal Level Priorities:

- Support Adoption of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Full Funding Act
- Advocate for Protections and Supports of our Immigrant Families
- Advocate for increased federal appropriations for programs including Title I, Title II, Title IV and GEAR UP
- Support the passage and adoption of the Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2019
Legislative Process

Phase 1 of the Legislative Process

- **Bill Introduction**
- **1st Policy Committee**
- **Fiscal Committee**
- **Legislative Floor**

Phase 2 of the Legislative Process

- **2nd Policy Committee**
- **Fiscal Committee**
- **Legislative Floor**
- **Governor’s Desk**
2020 Legislative Calendar

- **January 6th** – Legislature Reconvenes
- **January 10th** – Governor Releases Proposed Budget
- **January 17th** – Last Day for Policy Committees to act on 2-year bills
- **February 21st** – Bill Introduction Deadline
- **April 24th** – Last Day for Policy Committees to act on House of Origin Bills
- **May 15th** – Governor Releases Revised Budget (estimate)
- **June 15th** – Last Day for Legislature to Pass Budget Bill
- **August 3rd** – Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess
- **August 31st** – Last Day for Before Legislature Adjourns
- **September 30th** – Last Day for Governor to Sign or Veto Bills
Status of 2020 State Ballot Initiatives
$15 billion total – largest school construction bond in California’s history

- $9 billion for preschool to K-12
  - $5.2 billion for modernizing schools
  - $2.8 billion for new construction
  - $500 million for career technical education facilities
  - $500 million for charter schools
- $2 billion for community colleges
- $2 billion for the California State University
- $2 billion for the University of California

Bond will prioritize projects to address mold, remove lead from fixtures, and to make buildings safer in the case of earthquakes.

Impacts to LAUSD are closely being evaluated.
Ballot measure is also known as “Schools and Communities First” or “Split Roll/Prop. 13 Reform”

Estimated $11 billion annually by reforming the commercial property tax loophole created by Proposition 13 in 1978.

K-14 schools would receive approximately 40 percent of funds, and the rest intended for local governments.

Los Angeles County would receive an estimated $1.4 billion for K-12 education and community colleges.

Initiative has over 400 endorsements.

Coalition needs to resubmit new signatures by May 2020 in order to qualify the initiative for the November 2020 ballot.
Full and Fair Funding Proposal

The California School Boards Association and Association of California School Administrators are trying to qualify a separate initiative for the November 2020 ballot. Full and Fair Funding proposes:

- A schools only initiative to raise $15 billion for K-14 schools. Raises more than $2,000 per K-12 ADA and more than $1,000 per community college FTES.
- Increases tax rates on wealthy individuals ($1 M or more of taxable income) and larger corporations (net income above $1 M).
- Strict accountability to ensure all funds are distributed equitably to local school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community colleges. The Legislature would not be able to redirect or supplant these funds.
- Targeting funds where they are needed most: college readiness and career training, teacher recruitment and retention, STEAM, early education and school safety.
Q & A
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