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To: Hazel Powell, Chairperson
Legal & Policy Education Committee

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Subject: Legislative Report

Cc: Carolyn Clark, Legislative Committee Chair

I. Legislative Study Session

- A success.
- Speakers included Assembly Member O'Donnell, Tom Adams, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Lupita Cortez Alcala, Chairperson of the California Commission on Women.
- Topics were varied and included the repeal of ACA & its impact on women, STEM projects by the Commission, update on the ESSA State Plan.
- Highlights of LSS include meeting Jennifer Johnson in the Governor's Office and the tour of the Assembly and Senate floors including DKG's name in lights!

II. Legislation

- **AB 37 (O'Donnell)** Pupil instruction: visual and performing arts: content standards in media arts. Amended March 16, 2017
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee
Summary: This bill would require the Superintendent to additionally recommend visual and performing arts standards in the subject of media arts, and require those recommendations to go through the same development, public review, and approval process for recommended revisions to the visual and performing arts content standards, as described above.
Position: Support
- **AB 169 O'Donnell.** Teaching credential: teacher recruitment: Golden State Teacher Grant Program.
Status: Hearing canceled at request of author.
Summary: This bill, subject to an appropriation of moneys by the Legislature, would establish a program, the Golden State Teacher Grant

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Program, under the administration of the California Commission on Teacher of Credentialing to provide a \$20,000 grant to each student enrolled in an approved teacher credentialing program who commits to working in a high-need field, as defined, for 4 years after he or she receives a preliminary teaching credential. The bill would require a grant recipient to agree to repay the grant to the state in specified circumstances.

Position: Support

- AB 170 (O'Donnell) Teacher credentialing. As Introduced January 17, 2017.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations

Summary: This bill would no longer require, for issuance of a multiple subject teaching credential or a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, that the baccalaureate degree be in a subject other than professional education.

Position: Watch

III. Update on 2017-18 State Budget Compromise

- **Proposition 98:** The Conference Committee approved the governor's proposed Proposition 98 (K-14) funding levels:

- \$69.1 billion for 2015-16
- \$71.4 billion for 2016-17
- \$74.5 billion for 2017-18

- **The Local Control Funding Formula:** While the final agreement was slightly lowered by \$25 million for a total of \$1.362 billion in 2017-18, the Legislature and governor continued to prioritize ongoing Proposition 98 funding to bring school districts and charter schools close to 97 percent of the implementation target levels. The Department of Finance estimates the state is \$2.5 billion away from reaching the targets.

- **State Mandates:** One-time discretionary funds/state mandate reimbursement payments: The final agreement includes a necessary trade-off providing a reduced amount of \$876.6 million (estimated \$146 per ADA) that will be apportioned to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

- **Teacher Workforce Package:**

- \$11.3 million in federal Title II funds for a one-year competitive grant program to assist LEAs with attracting and supporting the preparation and continued learning of teachers, principals and other school leaders.

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- Of these funds approved for the use of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in conjunction with the California Center on Teaching Careers, the California Educator Development (CalED) Program to assist a minimum of 30 grant recipients statewide in amounts between \$100,000 and \$1.25 million each will be established. The majority of the funds will be allocated to grant recipients for activities that support principals and other school leaders.
- The remaining amount of the \$11.3 million will be used to support grant recipients for activities that result in new credentials authorizing teachers to provide instruction in special education, mathematics, science and bilingual education. As a condition of receiving a grant, grant recipients will be expected to provide an equal match of resources for any funding received from this program to supplement the grant award. Additional information on the Request for Proposals will likely be available in the coming weeks and months. For preliminary details, see [Senate Bill 83, Section 73](#).
- Other proposals include: \$25 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to expand the Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program to provide up to five-year grants to an additional 1,000 classified school employees to pursue their teaching credential.
- **Career Technical Education:** The final budget does not extend CTE funding beyond the 2017-18 fiscal year appropriation for existing grant recipients. The budget committees will be holding informational hearings this summer and fall to explore how school districts have been spending their LCFF funds to support CTE programs. To the extent these CTE programs are not being funded at the local level, the legislature would seek to remedy the issue in future budget negotiations.
- **Other Investments in K-12 Public Education:**
 - \$500 million in Proposition 98 funding on an ongoing bases for the Adult Education Block Grant.
 - \$50 million to augment the After School Education and Safety Program.
 - \$10 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding for the Department of Social Services to provide funding to school districts with high refugee populations, consistent with the allocation methodology used for the federal Refugee School Impact grant program.
 - \$7 million ongoing Proposition 98 funding for County Offices of Education (COEs) to support workload related to the review and approval of LCAPs submitted by districts within the county.
 - **\$5 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding for the California Historical Society to engage in a History Social Science Pilot to collect**

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archival resources to offer teachers and students a collection of primary and secondary resources, lesson plans, and related instructional materials.

- \$1.5 million for the establishment of the California-Grown Fresh School Meals Grant Program to expand the number of freshly prepared school meals, as proposed by [SB 782 \(Skinner\)](#).
- \$502,000 in one-time Proposition 98 funds to support professional development for instructional leaders on the California Next Generation Science Standards through the CAASPP Science Academy.
- \$350,000 in one-time Proposition 98 funds for the development of an electronic LCAP template.
- \$50,000 in one-time Proposition 98 funds for the CDE to contract with the San Joaquin COE to develop a mobile application for the new California School Dashboard to provide accessible information to the public.

Governor Brown has until June 30, 2017 to take action (veto or sign) on the state budget on his desk. The Governor can also “blue pencil” budget items (delete these items from the budget).

So stay tune for further information as to when the Governor signs the 2017-18 State Budget!