

NARRATIVES THAT INSPIRE: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION THROUGH ADVOCACY



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**R6 LEG POLICY
COMMITTEE REP**



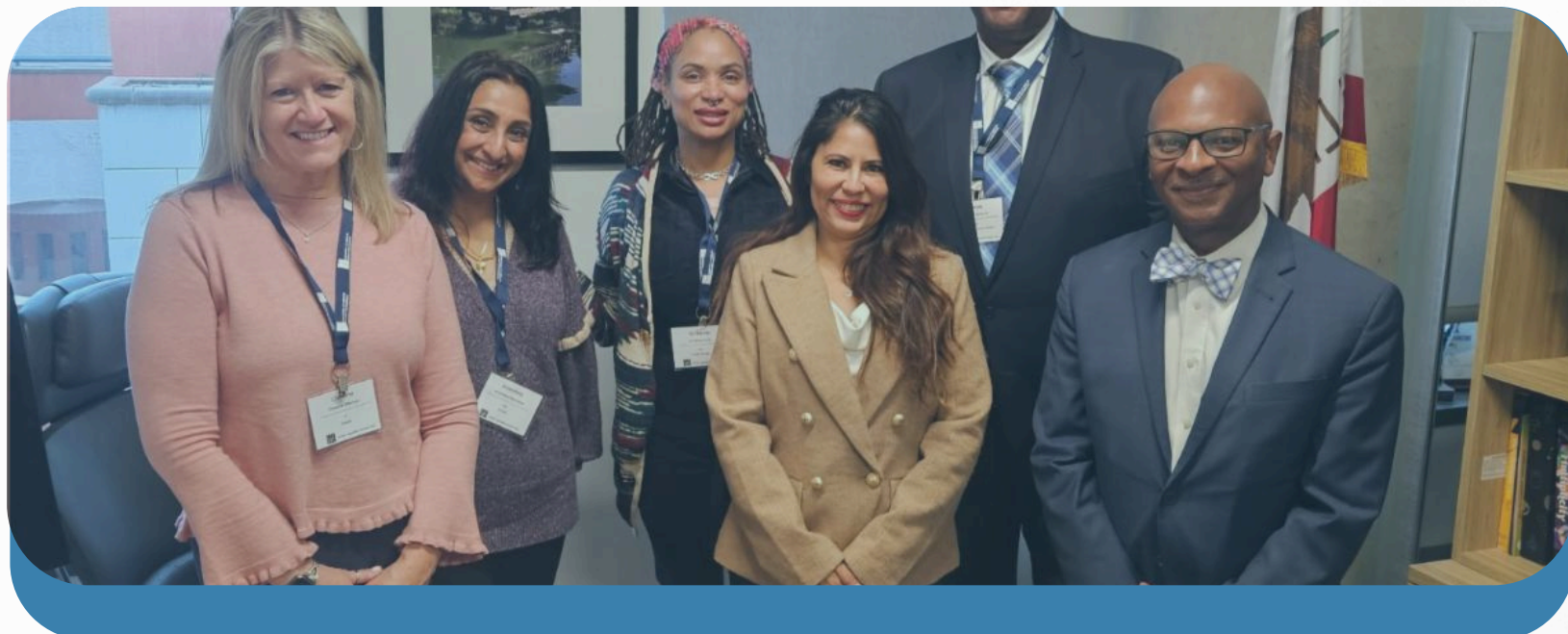


LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Legislative Cycle
- ACSA One Voice Platform
- Leg Policy Committee
- Leg Action Days

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

- State Representatives
 - Assemblymembers
 - State Senators
- US Representatives
- US Senators



WHY STORY TELLING →

- Turns data into action
- Influences decision-makers
- Connects real-world issues with policy
- Builds public will and support





EXAMPLES

Leg Action Days 2026: What is your story?

Prop 98

- Rising costs
- Impact on programs
- Uncertainty

Substitute Limits

- Disruption to learning
- Impact on Behavior
- Relationships

Accountability

- Redundancy
- Administrative Time
- Outdated systems

WHAT MAKES A POWERFUL STORY



The 5-Part Story Arc

1. A Person
2. A Challenge
3. An Intervention
4. A Measurable Outcome
5. A policy Connection

ACSA STORY ANCHORS

- Equitable Access
- Accountability
- Educational Outcomes
- Stable Funding



A story without a policy anchor is inspiration.
A story with a policy anchor is advocacy

DUAL ENROLLMENT & CCAP

THE FIRST-GENERATION STORY



1. First-Gen Student
2. Takes College Class in HS
3. Seamless Transition
4. Regional Employment
5. Vision 2030

SOCIAL SECURITY WINDFALL ACT

THE IMPACT ON TEACHERS



1. Public Teacher
2. Access to Social Security
3. Social Security Fairness Act
4. Access to income
5. WEP created to “fix” overpay - unfair to workers - impact of SS Fairness Act

CELL PHONE POLICIES

FOCUS ON STUDENTS



1. HS Student
2. Struggle to Focus
3. Clear & Firm Policy
4. Increase in peer interactions
5. Need for structure

WHATS YOUR STORY

- Student
- Program
- Employees
- Community



The key question to ask yourself: Which policy or funding source made that story possible? Identifying that connection is your advocacy bridge. This links a human story and a legislative outcome.

FROM LOCAL TO SACRAMENTO

Classroom

Site / District

ACSA



NEXT STEPS



- Follow ACSA Advocacy
 - Advocacy in Action
- Connect with your Representatives
- Make your voice heard
- Attend Leg Action Days
 - ACSA
 - CTE
 - Adult Ed



Q&A

TOOLKITS AND RESOURCES



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