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MEMORANDUM

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To: CABE Board Members
Dr. Edgar Lampkin, CEO

From: Jennifer Baker, Legislative Advocate

Subject: Sacramento Update

The Legislature finalized bill actions on August 30th, after a two-year session that included numerous changes in leadership. The Governor has until September 30th to sign, veto, or take no action on bills that were sent to his desk. While the Governor is urging the Legislature to embark upon a Fall session to take action on energy issues, the Legislature is pushing back, particularly as it is an election year and a number of members of both the Assembly and Senate are up for re-election.

A total of 34 legislators will be either leaving the Legislature or are running for the other House. This change could potentially lead to a need for the new Assembly Speaker and Senate President Pro Tempore to solidify their leadership of each House.

CABE Co-Sponsored Bill Update

The Senate Appropriations Committee sadly held AB 2071 (J. Carrillo) and did not move the bill forward as it lacked funding to support the cost of the grant that would be established. While CABE is disappointed, we are already in discussions with the Legislature and Administration regarding opportunities to move this important issue forward in the future. This important bill would have established the English Learner Roadmap Implementation Grant Pilot Program to assist in the implementation of the California English Learner Roadmap Policy. The State Board of Education would have also been tasked with creating a California English Learner Roadmap: Parent Toolkit by 2025.

AB 2074 (Muratsuchi) passed the Legislature and was sent to the Governor's desk on August 31st. This important legislation would task the California Department of Education (CDE) with creating an implementation plan for the California English Learner Roadmap Policy and also requires designated staff at CDE to serve as a point of reference to ensure the implementation plan created roles out and gets to all the school districts; these staffers would serve as a point of reference and assistance. CABE and Californians Together are asking our members to contact the Governor's office and urge his signature on this bill. Please contact the Governor's office prior to September 15th.

Legislature Closes Shop

The Legislature finished their work for this session recessing on August 31st. They took action on more than 1,300 bills during the month of August.

Remaining Legislative Calendar

August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills.
August 31 – Legislative recess
September 30 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.
November 5 – General Election.
November 30 – Legislature adjourns.
December 2 – Legislative 2025-26 session convenes.
January 1, 2025 – Statutes take effect.

CABE Bill Update

Bills that were held in the Appropriation Committees have died and may no longer move forward for this Legislative Session. The following are bills CABE has taken a position on and their final Legislative location:

AB 1805 (Ta) – Would require that content standards incorporate the landmark desegregation case, *Mendez v. Westminster*, when they are revised. This bill was sent to the Governor's desk on August 26th.

AB 1821 (Ramos) – Would ensure California's history is accurately taught, including its treatment of Native Americans with respect to teaching about Spanish missions as well as the Gold Rush Era. The bill was sent to the Governor's desk August 31st.

AB 1947 (L. Rivas) – Would increase the number of allowable staff training days for California State Preschool Program contractors from two to six days, allow professional development hours conducted during regular hours of operation to be considered a day of operation for reimbursement purposes, and require one training day to be focused on supporting dual language learners (DLL) if a contractor enrolls at least 25 percent of DLLs and provides at least three days of staff training. This bill was sent to the Governor's desk on August 26th.

AB 2226 (Muratsuchi) – Would expand the minimum day for kindergarten programs to full-time beginning in 2026-27. The bill was held in Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1078 (Min) – Creates legislative intent to establish an Office of Language Access, which would ensure that California's state agencies are able to provide information to our residents in the languages reflected within California to increase access to services by non-English speakers and equity in existing levels of effectiveness and equity towards all residents. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.