

2021 Legislation Conference

“A Path to Equity”

Monday, February 8, 2021

- 1:30 - 2:00 pm** **Special Session with the SPI**
- **Tony Thurmond**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm** **Session 1**
- **Shereen Walter**, California State PTA, Director of Legislation
 - **Celia Jaffe**, California State PTA, President
 - **Anna King**, National PTA, President Elect
 - **Kim Patillo Brownson**, State Board of Education
 - **Brooks Allen**, State Board of Education, Executive Director and Education Policy Advisor to the Governor
 - **Wes Smith**, Executive Director Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm** **Special Arts Session A Path to Equity through the Arts**
- **Tom DeCaigny**, CA Alliance for Arts Education, Executive Director
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm** **Session 2**
- **Michael Essien**, Martin Luther King Alternative Middle School, Principal
 - **John Rogers**, Director of UCLA’s Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

- 12:00 - 1:00** **Mixers**
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm** **Session 3**
- Key Policy Leaders**
- Facilitator: **Sherry Skelly Griffith**, California State PTA, Executive Director
 - **Anthony Rendon**, Assembly Speaker
 - **Kevin Kiley**, Vice Chair of Assembly Education
 - **Patrick O’Donnell**, Chair of Assembly Education (video)
- Caucus Panel**
- Moderator: **Carol Kocivar**, California State PTA, Advocate
 - **Senator Maria Elena Durazo**, Chair, Latino Caucus
 - **Senator Steven Bradford**, Chair, African American Caucus
 - **Senator Richard Pan**, Chair, API Caucus
 - **Assemblymember Jessie Gabriel**, Chair, Jewish Caucus
 - **Assemblymember Cristina Garcia**, Chair, Women’s Caucus
 - **Assemblymember Evan Low**, Chair, LGBTQ Caucus



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Session 4

Budget panel

Moderator – **John Fensterwald**, EdSource, Editor at Large

Kevin Gordon, Capitol Advisors Group, President

Jessica Holmes, Department of Finance, Assistant Budget Project Manager

Chris Hoene, California Budget and Policy Center, Executive Director

Appropriations Panel

Moderator – **John Fensterwald**, EdSource, Editor at Large

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair, Senate Appropriations

Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, Chair, Assembly Appropriations

Wednesday – Friday, February 10-12

Appointments with Your Legislators