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The Mission of ACSA

The mission of the Association of California School Administrators, the driving force of education in California and beyond, is to ensure the creation of communities of learning and equity that serve both the aspirations of individual students and the greater good of society, through this unique and indispensable coalition distinguished by:

- bold and authoritative advocacy;
inspirational networks of discovery and sharing of knowledge;
mutual commitment to excellence; and
universal accessibility to learning.



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The logo for the Education Legal Support Fund features a stylized grid of squares in shades of green and blue to the left of the text. The word "education" is in a light green sans-serif font. "legal" is in a dark blue sans-serif font, overlapping "education". "support" is in a bright green sans-serif font, overlapping "legal". "fund" is in a dark blue sans-serif font, overlapping "support".

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Overview

As California's governance and political systems become increasingly entrenched, actions by our state's policy makers often result in poorly drafted and ill-conceived initiatives. No matter what the cause, seeking litigation to protect the interests and integrity of public education has become a necessary interest of ACSA and its members. ACSA created the Education Legal Support Fund (ELSF) in 2006 in order to meet those needs.

In recent years, ACSA has been involved in numerous lawsuits impacting school districts and county offices statewide. These legal actions have included:

2006-2007

- Challenge to LAUSD mayoral takeover of schools (Statute invalidated)
- CTA/CSBA/ACSA v. Schwarzenegger (Settlement)
- ACSA/CSBA/CTA v. State Board of Education/Aspire Public Schools (Filed)
- San Leandro USD v. San Leandro Teachers Association (Filed)

2008-2009

- ACSA/CSBA/CTA v. State Board of Education (Filed)

2009-2010

- Robles-Wong v. State of California: ACSA/CSBA/CTA/PTA/Public Advocates/nine School districts and over 60 individual students and their families (Filed)

2011-2012

- ACSA/CSBA/CTA v. State of California/State Board of Education (Won Case – Testing Mandate removed)
- ACSA/CSBA, et al. v. State of California (Filed)
- Los Altos School District v. Bullis Charter School (Filed Amicus Brief)

2012-2013

- ACSA/CSBA/CTA/Stockton USD v. State Board of Education (Settled by State)
- California Charter Schools Assn v. Los Angeles Unified School District et. al. (Filed Request for Publication letter)
- Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending v. San Diego USD (Filed Amicus Brief)

2013-2014

- Bernard et. al. v. California State Teachers' Retirement System et. al. (ACSA petition withdrawn | preserved the ability of named members to continue to assert all of their individual legal options)

2015-2016

- Vergara v. State of California (Filed Amicus Brief)
- Doe v. Antioch Unified School District et al. (ACSA's ELSF has not taken a position on the legal issues. Provided coordination and support for the 13 districts)

Committed to Protecting Public Education and ACSA Members

ACSA's ELSF is needed more now than ever. We know litigation will be needed to challenge future attempts to impact school funding, retirement programs, special education decisions and a variety of challenges to school governance. It is imperative that the interests of education leaders are represented in these critical decisions.

Priority on Statewide, Precedent Setting Issues

ACSA's Education Legal Support Fund will prioritize its involvement in legislation, budgetary actions and initiatives that have a statewide precedent or impact on K-adult public education. In addition, any initiative, budgetary action, or legislation that usurps local control, changes the governance and oversight of school districts or violates Proposition 98 will be considered for legal action by the support fund.

All Districts and County Offices of Education can Participate

School districts and county offices of education are encouraged to join ACSA's Education Legal Support Fund. ACSA's Board of Directors serves as the steering committee to determine the fund's participation in various legal issues. An advisory committee comprised of ACSA leaders, school attorneys and superintendents provide oversight and guidance on litigation activities and general legal issues impacting K-Adult programs and services.

For More Information

Make sure that the voice of education leaders is heard. ACSA is committed to find resolution to conflicts before issues become legal battles, but if an issue ultimately becomes a lawsuit, we want to make sure that your expertise is considered. All school districts and county offices of education are eligible to join ACSA's Education Legal Support Fund.

Additional ELSF Services you will Receive with Membership

Legal updates – quarterly updates on current and emerging legal matters of interest to school leaders.

ACSA's webinars and online professional development series on pressing legal issues