



**Association of California School Administrators  
SUPERINTENDENCY COUNCIL**

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING**

- Reviewed the just adopted California Budget noting its \$1.5 billion deficit, a minuscule COLA for education, and that legislators approved a budget without seeing the budget language.
- The prolonged budget stalemate was not unexpected given the composition of the legislature with safe seats determined by political gerrymandering of districts. Proposition 11 purports to remedy this.
- Affirmed that the adequacy issue is still a priority of ACSA and CSBA. With a legislative solution totally unlikely, attention is placed on an initiative and/or legal action. Attorneys are researching challenging the state's inadequacy in court.
- Heard superintendents from Fresno and Long Beach Unified School Districts report on their learning partnership which emphasizes flexibility, accountability and support.
- Pledged to review the California Department of Education criteria and rubric for selecting California Distinguished Schools, especially recognizing those district who are closing the achievement gap and/or achieving substantial academic growth.