

# COAST2COAST

## WASHINGTON FEDERAL ADVOCACY TRIP

### 2024



# OVERVIEW

- Organized by CSBA and ACSA (Association of California School Administrators)
  - 250 attendees all from California
  - 25 representatives from Santa Clara County
  - Sunday April 7 to Wednesday April 10

# FEDERAL FUNDING

- \$1 trillion for defense, education and health
- Title 1 & IDEA received an increase of \$20 million
- 21 century learning grants took a big cut
- Biden's 2025 budget has a \$2 billion increase on 2023 dollars however it has not been passed yet

# SPEAKERS

- Alyson Klein Assistant Editor for Governmental Regulations at Education Week
- Kumar Chandran Acting Under Secretary USDA Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services
- Celinda Lake, President, Lake Research
- Cindy Marten, Deputy Secretary, US Dept. of Education (former Superintendent of San Diego)
- Francisco Negrón, Founder and CEO of K12 Counsel
- Neera Tanden, Director, Domestic Policy Council



# INTERESTING POLLING INFO

- Average woman shops 3x/week and sees impact of price increases
- 50% of people don't have \$500 in savings
- Most people believe education has gotten worse and class sizes are going up
- Don't believe job skill training is done in schools
- Chronic absenteeism - 17% increase in attendance when families are texted

# HEARINGS

- Judiciary Hearing on AI
  - Witnesses included professor from Georgetown, and a biotech company. Basic consensus was AI should not be copyrighted.
  - Title IV - New regs shortly
  - No public \$ to for-profit schools
  - Need more learning loss \$
- Workforce committee for Higher Education
  - Witness was Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona
  - A couple of representatives focused on men in women's sports
  - Student loan forgiveness
  - Asked about SD spending of existing federal funds Foreign Affairs USAID discussion aid to countries in need
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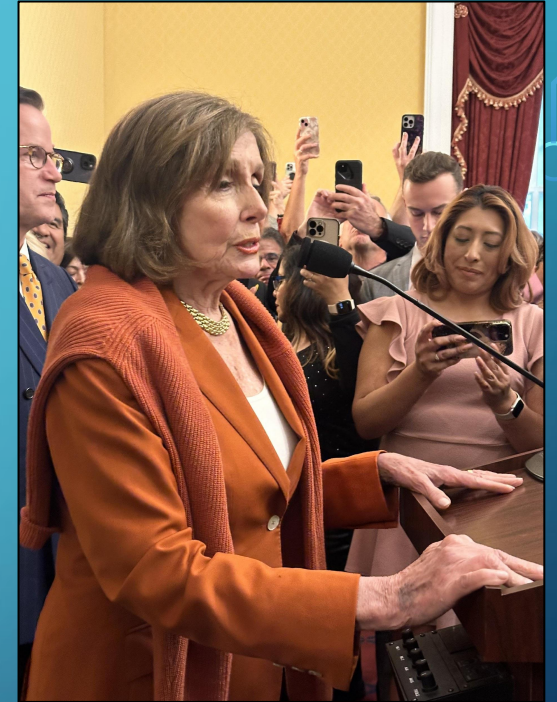


# FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Fulfill the special education promise: currently 7.7% promised 40%
- Teacher recruitment, retention and retirement
  - Support S2417 Loan Forgiveness Act
  - Windfall Elimination Provision : reduces SSI for those who earned both SSI and Calstrs
  - Government pension offset: reduces spousal SSI benefits for individuals who retire from CALSTRS
- Maintain and expand Broadband access including Erate
- Privacy and cybersecurity: s 1409, s. 1418 protecting student data, HR 2845 which would establish resources and a program to address cybersecurity in elementary and secondary schools



# RECEPTION IN THE HOUSE DINING ROOM





# MEETINGS WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Anna Eshoo



# TAKEAWAYS

- A greater understanding how government works
- Hearing the roadblocks
- Reminding our representatives the importance of public education
- Rare opportunity to meet in small groups focused only on education