

## SSDA Update 10: Happy Friday To All!

Happy Caesar Chavez Day to you! I will be sending you a leadership video over the weekend that I am putting together to help you through the next week. I will be sending it out on Sunday.

- I. **Distance Learning.** Everyone is scrambling to get distance learning up and running. We are close to providing teachers with a SSDA series of webinars. We hope to have something to you early next week.

**LIVE CAMS!** Something great for your kids, your family or you....[LIVE Cameras from 6 zoos](#) around the country. I am into the penguins chilling at the pool at [San Diego Zoo!](#) Pandas, lions, tigers, and many more! Some zoos also have quizzes for students.

### II. SSDA:

**Thank You Executive Board!** Besides running their school districts like you all are, they have also been hard at work helping me with major statewide issues with ACSA, CSSESA, CASBO, ACSA and Capital Advisors including waivers, resolutions, labor/management guidelines and STRS/PERS issues.

**PD for Members:** Like many associations we are reviewing how we will operate professional development activities for SSDA members. We also are working closely with our Associates who are really stepping up for you to help you through the Corona Virus. Remember you can view a variety of resources our Associates are offering SSDA members at this time [on our website.](#)

**SSDA Website:** Speaking of [the website](#), I hope you can take some time to stop by their...we have so much great information for you up there!

### III. State News:

**Most School Districts in California has extended the school closures through May 1<sup>st</sup>.** I would expect all districts to follow that guideline over the next few weeks. [Sacramento](#)

**State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Announces Preliminary Federal Approval of Testing and Accountability Waivers for 2019–2020 School Year!!!!**

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**LCAP Waiver Drafted.** CSSESA has drafted a LCAP waiver and we are working on moving it through the channels. SSDA board is fine tuning it with other associations and we will keep you posted.

- a. **Special Education Waivers.** Dr. Helio Brasil and Tim Taylor met with USDE and other CA state leader via zoom call and requested waivers. We expect the official request to the feds will be out shortly. State monitoring requirements – including CFR 300.600
- b. **State performance plan and annual performance report (SPP/APR)**
- c. **Due process & complaint timelines** – both new complaints and those currently in the pipeline with little or no personnel at the State or local levels to investigate or comply.
- d. **15 % Significant disproportionality set-aside for non-compliance.** LEAs should be urged to continue working on progress to address the issue, but the fiscal requirement to withhold funds should be lifted for this year.

**IV. Federal News:**

\$2 Trillion Stimulus Package Approved by Congress today and CARES act is next!! Great news from DC. You will be receiving a full summary soon from Capital Advisors. Here are some other [federal updates](#).

**V. [World Health Organization Update](#)**

I hope you take a few moments to breathe this weekend and take some time to do something for yourself.

Wishing you and yours good health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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