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November Election: Ballot Propositions

CABE has taken hard positions on two ballot propositions that will each have a potential impact on education, one positive and one negative.

A support position was taken on Proposition 28, titled: "Provides additional funding for arts and music education in public schools." This ballot proposition would provide additional funding to schools specifically for arts and music education. This would be funded by adding an additional one percent in funding to the overall educational funding percentage, which would be specifically dedicated to covering the costs of arts and music education. Eighty percent of this funding would be provided to hire arts and music teachers, with the remainder going towards training, supplies, and educational partnerships. The Legislative Analyst's Office has estimated that schools would likely receive an additional \$800 million to \$1 billion in funding annually, beginning in 2023-24. This initiative would help children to have opportunities to expand their education through arts and music.

Unfortunately, there is one ballot proposition that can have a long-term negative impact on educational funding: Proposition 27, which has received an oppose position from CABE. This gambling ballot proposition would provide additional revenues to the state through a ten percent tax on sports wagering revenues and licensing fees. The increase in taxes and revenues would be directed to regulatory costs, with the majority of this funding going to address homeless programs and specific California tribes. Unfortunately, the way this ballot initiative was written, it specifically bypasses the existing Constitutional requirement that schools receive a share of additional revenues. Excluding themselves from contributing to public school funding would create a dangerous precedent of excluding schools from receiving additional funding from new revenues. Proposition 27 would create a future of revenues denied to public education, starting a trend that would weaken future funding options for schools.

Assembly Budget Hearings

The Assembly Higher Education Committee held a hearing at the California State University San Bernardino on October 26th on preparing teachers for the K-12 Ethnic Studies requirement. CABE President, Dr. Bárbara Flores, provided public comments reflecting CABE's continued support of ethnic studies and its implementation across California.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance will be holding a hearing on November 15th at the Capitol regarding the educator workforce shortages and pipeline oversight. CABE will be providing public comments at the hearing regarding the shortages of bilingual teachers in the classroom and in the pipeline.