Update on CAC School Board Legislative Priorities Related to Special Education Support for Students with Dis/abilities and IEPs

For the 2/8/21 Meeting of the OUSD CAC for Special Education

The CAC proposal was not adopted into the District Legislative Fiscal Priorities on Wednesday, January 27. Rather, it was forwarded to the Board Legislative Committee in order to be written into the larger Legislative Priorities Platform. A query about next steps in the process was sent to the Board Legislative Committee (Gonzalez, Eng, Davis) on January 28.

These are the positive developments in this process:

1) Over the last two Board meetings, CAC members who haven't spoken to the Board before did so and were supported by others, including OEA leadership and members of Educators for Democratic Schools.

2) By pulling the Fiscal Legislative Priorities from the consent agenda, Director Hutchinson not only lifted up the voice of CAC but assured that there was actual Board discussion of issues of concern to students with disabilities and their families.

3) There is a clear commitment to put together the full legislative agenda by the end of March, and possibly sooner.