

CASP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES

Michelle, a student board representative, attended the CASP board of directors meeting and legislative day in Sacramento on March 18, 2024, to gain insights into statewide issues and committee updates. The following are a few highlights from the meeting:

Special Education: EMOTIONAL DISABILITY

CASP signed on to support Assembly Bill 2173 (Addis), which allows the term ‘emotional disability’ to replace ‘emotional disturbance’ for educational purposes by stipulating that the two terms are substantively the same under California Education code and regulations. This proposal was initiated to help reduce the stigma associated with mental health challenges.

CHILD SUICIDE PREVENTION

CASP signed on to support Senate Bill 1318 (Wahab), which amends the existing school pupil suicide prevention crisis response protocol clarifying that schools should prioritize the use of behavioral health professionals as the primary respondents during to a student mental health crisis rather than law enforcement or school resource officers.

GOLDEN STATE GRANT

School psychologists are responding to and experiencing unprecedented levels of student behavioral health issues. In addition, California is experiencing a shortage of trained personnel in our schools to meet the increasing mental health needs of over 6 million students in the state. On legislative day, CASP encouraged the legislature to maintain eligibility requirements and continue funding the Golden State Teacher Grant program. They also requested long-term funding to increase the number of school psychologists and Pupil Personnel Services credentialed staff in California schools.

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MENTAL HEALTH AT THEIR FINGERTIPS

Share these free apps with your students and their caregivers for mental health coaching and access to resources. BrightLife Kids is for ages 0 to 12, while Soluna is for ages 13 to 25.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

- Virtual Spring Institute on 4/11- 4/12
- Summer Experience in Santa Cruz (More info. TBA) on 7/16 - 7/19
- CASP Convention in Palm Springs on 10/15 - 10/18

