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AGENDA

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
10 a.m. -- 1021 O Street, Room 1200

JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING

SUBJECT: Presentation by California Association of Student Councils

Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

Introduction of the California Association of Student Councils
Mara (Fia) Nicolaescu, CASC Education Policy Director, Bella Vista High School, Fair Oaks

Panel 1 – Civic Education

- Sophie Martin, Corona del Mar High School, Newport Beach
- Ryan Wong, Mountain View High School, Mountain View
- Addie Luong, Vista del Lago High School, Folsom

Panel 2 – Student Representation in District Funding

- Sahej Dhindsa, Canyon High School, Anaheim
- Justin Ekholm, Simi Valley High School, Simi Valley
- Bud Yang, Troy High School, Fullerton

Panel 3 – Financial Literacy

- Ethan Hong, San Marino High School, San Marino
- Andrea Davila, Beaumont High School, Beaumont
- Lakshmi Julakanti, Santa Susana High School, Simi Valley

Panel 4 – Restorative Justice

- Raylen Chacko, Monte Vista High School, Danville
- Riya Manoj, Chino Hills High School, Chino Hills
- Kapil Shastry, Mountain View High School, Mountain View

Panel 5 – Mental Health

- Trystan Purugganan, Santa Susana High School, Simi Valley
- Josie Song, Cate School, Carpinteria
- Angelina Santos, Lincoln High School, Stockton

Panel 6 – AI Implementation in Classrooms

- Ariadne Tatsis, Piedmont High School, Oakland

- Brynne Jones, Piedmont High School, Oakland
- Arjun Prabhuram, Santa Susana High School, Simi Valley

Panel 7 – Supporting Students with Disabilities

- Heaven Ortega, Wheatland Union High School, Wheatland
- Weiwei (Serena) Zhang, Cate School, Carpinteria
- Itzia Enriquez, Calistoga High School, Calistoga

Closing Remarks (5 minutes)