

**MARIN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ACTION SEMINAR 2015
EVALUATION FORM
SUMMARY**

PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Jeff Frost and Laura Wasco	1	2	3	4	5
Frost Davis & Donnelly				(11)	(15)
Overview of the Day and Key Issues for 2015					
Senator Mike McGuire	1	2	3	4	5
			(3)	(9)	(17)
Rick Simpson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins	1	2	3	4	5
Issues: 2015-16 State Budget, School Facilities and Teacher Performance		(4)		(8)	(16)
Assemblymember Marc Levine	1	2	3	4	5
	(1)	(2)	(6)	(8)	(11)
Dennis Meyers and Andrea Ball, CSBA	1	2	3	4	5
Issues: State Budget and Budget Reserve Cap Repeal			(1)	(11)	(11)
Nancy Brownell, State Board of Education and Sherry Griffith, ACSA	1	2	3	4	5
Issues: Common Core and new SBAC Student Assessment			(5)	(7)	16)
Sophia Kwong-Kim, Assembly Education Committee, and Ian Padilla, Coalition of Affordable School Housing (CASH)	1	2	3	4	5
Issue: School Facilities and 2016 School Bond		(1)	(7)	(13) 4	(7)
Overview and Next Steps	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Student feedback GREAT!</i>			(2)	(4)	(12)

ARRANGEMENTS

	1	2	3	4	5
Meeting Room			(8)	(7)	(13)
Marin Airporter Bus	1	2	3	4	5
				(2)	(10)
Claims Jumper Restaurant	1	2	3	4	5
		(2)	(4)	(10)	(11)
Legislative Reception	1	2	3	4	5
					(2)

COMMENTS

What I liked best:

I liked that speakers had specific topics to address.

Receiving hand-outs from speakers.

Informative.

Speakers were engaging.

The most interesting discussion of the day was the status of repealing the cap on the reserves.

It appears that there is going to be a discussion of this issue which is encouraging. The other topic of interest was the future of contributions to PERS and STRS from school districts. This is the most serious problem facing our districts in the future.

Another highlight – the students were so articulate.

The students' comments.

Great information throughout the day. I very much appreciated the various perspectives provided by the mix of legislators, committee members and professional organization. Very nice to have our high school student leaders with us! Overall, a very worthwhile event for our districts.

Student trustee input.

The students.

That students had a say, could ask questions and input our current experience from school.

Rick Simpson's presentation.

The consideration of our comments.

Visiting Marc Seeing what happens behind the scenes. I also enjoyed walking around the capitol building. Hearing Marc Levine was very interesting.

Common core speaker – she answered every questions without hesitation.

Rick Simpson.

The food was delicious.

Feeling like I had a voice in my lawmaking.

Learning about common core.

Rick Simpson.

Liked hearing about all of these issues that are occurring from knowledgeable, experience people.

Simpson.

Frost.

Levine.

As always, excellent.

The students.

Suggestions for improvements:

Would the program speakers have more details for us if we came later in the spring?

It would have been nice to have water in the room available.

List of propositions and terms.

Would like to have had a little more conversation on curriculum and common core issues, and perhaps on other topics (special ed, teacher training/performance, mental health services, etc.) The focus on status of state bond initiative and repeal of reserve cap was very helpful, but perhaps a bit repetitive. Too bad the republican consultants could be here – I miss hearing their perspectives!

Some repetition among speakers (Prop 30 extension and facilities bond).

Things could be explained with a little more detail.

Giving us a sheet beforehand with some information. Some points were very confusing.

Cheat sheet / overview beforehand.

Cheat sheet for students (acronyms, etc.).

Define acronyms and props., etc.

Cheat sheet with acronyms and proposition guide.

Marc Levine should read our Priorities sheet before he comes.

Gonna get San Rafael trustees next time!

Give students cheat-sheets.

Be able to speak with governor – even 5 minutes.