



Impacting the Legislative Process:

A Practical Guide for Public School Representatives

Impacting the Legislative Process: A Practical Guide for Public School Representatives, written by SSC's Legislative Director Nancy M. LaCasse and first published in 1995 and updated in 2004, has assisted numerous school officials in becoming active participants in Sacramento's legislative decision-making process on K-14 education issues.

More than ever before, legislators depend on local school agencies for information and direction regarding pending education legislation and state budget issues. We have recently witnessed this with the debate regarding school bonds, class-size reduction, special education funding reform, and revenue limit equalization. How do school officials develop these important relationships? Who are the key decision-makers in today's State Capitol and how can school officials gain access to those individuals to ensure sound proposals for K-12 education? These are some of the areas covered in *Impacting the Legislative Process: A Practical Guide for Public School Representatives*.

The Guide includes chapters describing the Sacramento legislative and State Budget process, including a step-by-step description of how bills become law and the process used to develop the annual State Budget. It contains techniques on how to influence legislators, as well as identifying the key individuals who are the Sacramento decision-makers on K-14 education—an area made more difficult by term limits. Other chapters include a primer on school finance and fingertip facts about the K-14 school system.

The guide is formatted into a binder to allow for periodic updates to be sent to the reader. Purchasers of the three-ring book will receive the 2004 legislative rosters and Committee memberships.

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