

Response to Item 12:

County offices of education are the intermediate level of the public education system in California. Serving 34 school districts and more than 190,000 students, FCSS has a legislative mandate to ensure that school districts remain fiscally solvent and in compliance with state and federal laws. Moreover, county offices serve as a safety net for students with special needs, offering direct services for migrant, special education, and court and community schools students. County offices provide a full range of support programs and services. These include professional training and staff development, curriculum, business and finance support, health and pupil personnel services, as well as legislative and public policy leadership and advocacy at the local, state and federal level.