



April 5, 2021

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 25 (Hurtado) – SUPPORT/SPONSOR**

Dear Senator Hurtado:

On behalf of the California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) and California Adult Education Administrators Association (CAEAA), we are pleased to strongly support your SCR 25 proclaiming April 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Adult Education Week in California.

Adult education is a public education program offering free to low-cost classes for adults 18 and older. Students can get a high school diploma, general education diploma (GED), learn to read, write and speak English, develop the skills to become a U.S. citizen, and obtain short term career training. Adult schools are located across the state.

The most recent Census data suggests that over 5 million adults in California were in need of basic skills and high school equivalency. Roughly half of these adults have less than a ninth-grade education at a time when education beyond high school is the prerequisite for workforce success. Further, it is estimated that over 2.5 million immigrants and refugees reside in California and may need programming in ESL and citizenship in order to fulfill the requirements to obtain authorized residency status or citizenship. Adult schools in California are diverse places of learning that seek to support all students regardless of ethnicity, race, faith, orientation and status, where students are safe from discrimination and bullying and can seek out services and programming in this variety of areas.

We welcomed and have been actively participating in regional consortia planning and implementation as instituted under the California Adult Education Program (CAEP) to ensure alignment and coordination between K-12 Adult Schools and Community Colleges. The overall coordination and collaboration pushed forth in recent years is critically important to the success of our adult students and is producing positive, proactive developments regionally.

We applaud your support of adult education and are pleased to support your SCR 25. If you have any questions regarding SCR 25 and our position, please contact Dawn Koepke with McHugh Koepke & Associates at [dkoopke@mchughgr.com](mailto:dkoopke@mchughgr.com) or (916) 606-5309. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen Porter  
President  
CCAE

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John Werner  
President  
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