



OUR BUSINESS VALUES: SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

Business is not just critical to our economy and workforce, it is also a catalyst for culture and a more equitable community. The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber Political Action Committee (Metro-PAC) endorses school board candidates that understand and value the important role of our business community and actively seek to engage and partner with them during their terms.

In alignment with the Metro Chamber's 4-Point Business Promise, the Metro-PAC has identified the following business values and policies as priorities when engaging school board officials:

Support of a **Strong Business** community which operates in a regulatory environment that provides opportunities to compete and be successful, by:

- Taking actionable steps towards creating and maintaining inclusive economic prosperity;
- Recognizing that taxes and fees on business are not the first, or only solution, towards increasing school revenues;
- Advocating for the safekeeping and valuing of taxpayer dollars, including the fiscal responsibility of funds for both short-term and long-term priorities, and ensuring our public employee pension and benefit obligations are economically sustainable;
- Seeking to actively remove institutional barriers in our schools that hinder our students' ability for equitable access to programs and opportunities so they may thrive in our educational institutions.

Support of a **Ready Workforce** that has the training and skills required for the future of work in order to close the wealth gaps in our community, by:

- Collaborating with business owners and employers who are key to our workforce as job creators and who want to train and retain quality personnel;
- Elevating, promoting and growing Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and career prep high schools, in order to create more access and opportunity for all students to work-based learning;
- Prioritizing investment for innovation, technology and training for our students so we can be the global leaders in life science, agriculture/food and future mobility.

Support a **Vibrant Community** that is essential to creating healthy and successful businesses, by:

- Recognizing the urgent need for housing, including for students and families near schools, in order to meet the growing demands of our region and workforce;
- Growing and maintaining wrap-around programs for our homeless community, especially our students within the district;
- Ensuring students have access to healthy foods and nourishment, especially those students that may not have access, or limited access, to food at home;
- Alleviating the concerns of students, families and neighborhoods by creating safe and clean communities on campus.

Support a **Connected Region** that connects people, commerce and communities, by:

- Advocating for economic development that increases regional mobility and prioritizes rural, suburban and urban housing projects that revitalize underutilized sites, in order to reduce the environmental and structural impacts on our transportation networks and create economic opportunities for commercial corridors;
- Aligning with local-based solutions that can support a regional strategy for broadband to increase access to healthcare, education, commerce and communications in our homes, businesses and classrooms;
- Collaborating for regional investment strategies that will help secure state and federal funds to improve the connectivity between our communities.