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## SPAN 2022

### Our Voice in Sacramento for Educator Preparation

### Key Developments for Upcoming CCTE Spring Policy Action Network

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The California Council on Teacher Education's annual spring conference in Sacramento is the Spring Policy Action Network, or SPAN. Designed for capacity-building, advocacy, and learning, SPAN 2022 will continue to position CCTE as a powerful voice for educator preparation. The CCTE Policy Committee, which plans the SPAN Conferences, would like you to take note of three important highlights as you look ahead to March 7-8.

First, we will be back in person at the Citizen Hotel in 2022, with hybrid options. Watch for information coming soon about meeting and hotel registration. The Citizen puts us right in the middle of the city, within blocks of the Capitol. Nearby coffee shops, restaurants, and parks make it a great place to reconnect with colleagues.

Second, in 2022 we are moving SPAN to a Monday-Tuesday format. Plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7 and conference sessions will end by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. This change reflects feedback we received from legislative offices about the availability of legislators and staff. Our appointments with legislative offices, likely to be scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, will give us more opportunities to talk with policymakers. All the same conference features will be there, just arranged in new ways: associated group meetings for AICCU-ED, CABTE, CAPSE, and the field coordinators; the deans meeting; research roundtables and posters; policy speakers and allies; and of course, our "day on the hill" activities.

Finally, we will conduct a CCTE Policy Survey again this year to gather knowledge and insight about the current state of educator preparation from a cross-section of

constituencies that underscores CCTE's unique membership and reach. Pre-service and in-service educators and those who prepare and support them will have an opportunity to respond to the survey, thereby allowing CCTE to provide policymakers as well as the CCTE membership with comprehensive insights from educators across the state. We'll be working again with the REAL Lab (University of Redlands) for IRB approval, data analysis, and summary reports, making this survey an effective tool for our conversations with legislators and staff. So when you see the survey link in your email this December, share it broadly with your faculty, candidates, and cooperating teachers and of course, complete the survey yourself.

We are excited about these steps, and looking forward to seeing our CCTE friends and colleagues in Sacramento. The formal announcement of the CCTE SPAN 2022 Conference, including the registration form, call for proposals, and tentative program will be emailed to all CCTE members and delegates in mid-to-late December.



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