

# SPAN's *The Change* - Call for Proposals

## ***What is The Change?***

*The Change* is a curated policy booklet with targeted insights designed to be a resource for legislators and their staff, as well as to the wider educational community across California. *The Change* aims to provide clear, evidence-based information about important topics in teacher education by CCTE experts, with the goal of informing and influencing policy decisions that drive positive shifts in teacher education.

## ***Who is the audience?***

The target audience is legislators and their staff, as well as the broader education community across California. This is an opportunity to share (y)our expertise to evoke change!

## ***What does an article in The Change look like?***

In *The Change* we are aiming to be both accessible and rigorous. Each article will be written in an approachable, conversational style so that legislators and their staff, who may not have deep expertise in education issues, can easily engage with and understand the issues presented. With this accessibility front and center, the articles should establish that the points raised are backed by the rigorous evidence that CCTE and our position as experts in the field warrant. Initial proposals should be no more than 250 words. Once accepted, full articles can be up to 1,000 words. While all writing should be grounded in strong research and evidence, authors are encouraged to present ideas in clear, plain language that is approachable for audiences outside of academia.

Priority topics include:

- Strengthen the Foundation: Invest in Mentor Teachers
- Protect and Advance California's Commitment to DEI and Ethnic Studies
- Create Coherent, Funded Pathways to Address California's High-Need Areas

If you have an additional topic for consideration, please email the editors (contacts below).

## ***How do I submit a proposal?***

Submit your proposal using this link: <https://forms.gle/5aTkMJvHe74adYQm6>

## ***How will the proposals be reviewed?***

Proposals will be reviewed by the editorial team, as well as a double-blind review from experts in the field of education.

## ***The Change 2026 timeline***

December 2025	Open call for proposal submissions (up to 250 words)
December 2025	Proposals due by December 15, 2025
January 2026	Proposal decisions by January 15, 2026
February 2026	Final articles due to editors by February 15, 2026 (up to 1000 words)

## ***Questions?***

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