



2022

County School Facilities Leadership Award Recipient



Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell

With thanks and appreciation for his leadership on behalf of county offices of education and their students.

First elected to the California State Assembly in November 2014, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell represents the 70th District, which includes Long Beach, San Pedro, Signal Hill and Catalina Island.

Assemblymember O'Donnell has brought over twenty years of classroom experience as a teacher to his role as Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. Over the eight years of his tenure as Chair, his accomplishments include securing a historic 13% increase in the Local Control Funding Formula in the 2022-23 budget; doubling the amount of funding for career technical/vocational education programs; ensuring English learners have access to core curriculum; and expanding investments for school facilities. Assemblymember O'Donnell advocated for billions for school facilities from the state General Fund and was the author of the K-12 through higher education school facilities bond that was on the ballot in 2020. As a member of the State Allocation Board, Assemblymember O'Donnell has consistently taken a lead in advocating and supporting school districts and ensuring that county offices of education are able to access funding. He has also championed efforts to help close the student achievement gap – securing funding in the state budget to establish the CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap housed at California State University, Long Beach.