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Andrea Ball has more than fifteen years of policy, advocacy and management experience in education issues, from early childhood through college and career. She has held senior leadership positions in government affairs and program management in California's state department of education as well as the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office and the Long Beach Unified School District, a nationally recognized large urban district. Andrea's deep experience at the state level focused on efforts to close achievement and opportunity gaps brings a valuable perspective to federal policy issues, given the renewed emphasis on state and local decision-making reflected in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Andrea served as Deputy Superintendent of Government Affairs for State Superintendent Jack O'Connell, where she worked on key federal policy and funding matters. This included serving as department point person on implementation of the federal stimulus funds for education, which provided over \$4 billion to California local education agencies, drafting and coordinating comments on federal education regulations, and providing oversight to federal liaison activities.



Andrea represented the State Superintendent before budget and policy committees and in negotiations with state legislative and executive branch offices. At the CSU Chancellor's Office, Andrea directed a program to improve access and preparation of students from underrepresented groups for college and career.

Andrea received a B.A. in History and Anthropology from the University of California, San Diego and a Master's in International Management from Thunderbird Graduate School of Global Management. She holds a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and is a member of the State Bar of California.