



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
Chair, Assembly Education Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 159  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 731 (Fong): Removing Barriers in CCAP: Dual Enrollment – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Muratsuchi and Members of the Assembly Education Committee,

As an organization committed to advancing policies and practices that dismantle the racial and economic barriers embedded in California's education system, EdTrust-West is pleased to strongly **SUPPORT** AB 731, which removes student-level barriers to participation in the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Dual Enrollment Program.

In California, dual enrollment programs offer valuable educational opportunities for high school students. These initiatives enable students to simultaneously earn high school and college credits, providing a head start on their higher education journey and lowering college tuition costs. College and Career Access Pathways, or CCAP partnerships, aim to provide early exposure to college courses for students who may not be college-bound or are underrepresented in higher education. However, implementation challenges with CCAP limit student benefit of the program and present unnecessary barriers to participation. This includes burdensome application requirements, lack of actionable data on dual enrollment, and course limit requirements that prevent students from maximizing the number of dual enrollment classes they can take. We know that reforms to CCAP are urgently needed to expand the participation of underrepresented students, increase college completion, and close educational equity gaps. Together, these reforms enhance access to dual enrollment programs and provide the state with tools to develop data-informed evaluations of our dual enrollment efforts. These programs have been lauded as a strategy to increase college access by implementation partners like the Community College Chancellor's Office in their [Vision 2030](#) and outlined as a higher education strategy in the [Governor's Roadmap](#) and [Master Plan for Career Education](#). AB 731 (Fong) is in strong alignment with these efforts and ensures that all students can access the benefits of dual enrollment programs.

For those reasons, EdTrust-West is proud to support AB 731 and urges the Committee's AYE vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Bardo".

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