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### *Press Release*

#### **Colusa County Superintendent of Schools Advocates for Students in Washington D.C.**

On March 29, Colusa County Superintendent of Schools, Michael P. West, returned from a weeklong advocacy trip to Washington D.C. Mr. West, along with fellow County Superintendents from Amador, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Merced, Napa, Placer, and Santa Clara met with Vice President Kamala Harris's Chief of Staff, Representatives Kevin McCarthy, Kevin Kiley, Doug LaMalfa, Jimmy Panetta, Mike Thompson, David Valadao, and Senator Alex Padilla among others. While advocating for public school students, Mr. West had the opportunity to discuss Head Start, E-rate/Cybersecurity, Special Education, Secure Rural Schools, and Title 1 Funding at these meetings. This federal advocacy trip has been an annual excursion for the group, but this year's trip was the first time Mr. West and his companions were able to visit the capitol since the COVID-19 pandemic began.