

LPC Salem Conference – 2024

This was my first in person conference with the Legislative Policy Committee. The first night we had dinner and the guest speaker helped walk through a process of expressing feelings about a previous meeting that took place back in the Fall.

The next day we focused on staying positive and went around the room and shared pictures of our family and friends and who motivates you. This was a nice start to the meeting, giving us time to get to know each other.

The remainder of the day focused on what is needed and we walked through different exercises of what we are dealing with in our districts, what do we need, what is going well, and funding.

Rep Nguyen spoke to us about absenteeism, and we discussed how that is affecting our districts and the importance of understanding why students are not able to attend school, what potential barriers they might be facing.

Overall, we all expressed how the lack of funding or how the funding is being calculated is affecting our districts and many are facing budget cuts and having to make layoffs.

Efren expressed the importance of not only focusing on what is needed in our districts but also what is going well in our districts, telling the legislators of all the great things we are doing and want to continue to do. It is important to share our story and not just the things that are needed.