Policy and Legislation Updates

Regional Broadband Consortia (RBCs) Empowerment (AB 2279 Gipson)

- Goal is to restore original scope of responsibility for RBCs.
- Moved without opposition through the Assembly and Senate.
- Held in Senate Appropriations on the Suspense File.

California Home Internet LifeLine Act (SB 716 Durazo)

- Goal is to establish Home Broadband through the LifeLine Program.
- Amended by Senator Durazo on Assembly Floor for district priority.
- Current LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot through the CPUC.

Policy and Legislation Updates Cont.

Education Technology Empowerment Act (AB 2675 Arambula)

- Goal is to establish a State policy to harness the power of technology to improve student academic achievement in low-income communities.
- Moved without opposition through the Assembly.
- CETF and School2Home Staff briefed SPI-candidate Richard Barrera and secured his participation at the 2026 School2Home Leadership Academy.

Chair Tasha Boerner, Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee

- AB 353 (Boerner): Vetoed by Governor Newsom
- Ongoing conversations with Chair Boerner, Stakeholders, and Industry Leaders.

Engagement of New Administration

Incoming Administration and Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI)

- CETF will Brief Incoming Administration and SPI on RBCs, Broadband Affordability, and Education Technology Empowerment.
- CETF will invite BEA Members and CETF Board Members to attend briefings with incoming Administration officials and SPI.
- CETF plans to brief incoming Administration and SPI in February and March 2027.