

## **Martha Alvarez, Legislative Advocate Biography**

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Martha Alvarez is an active member of the education community in Sacramento as a Legislative Advocate for the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), the largest umbrella organization for school leaders in the country, serving more than 17,000 California educators, including superintendents and principals. In this role, she leads advocacy on the state budget, accountability, early childhood education and a host of other education policy issues. Through her work in public education policy making and advocacy, Martha has worked and developed relationships with key policymakers and staff in the State Capitol and relevant state agencies, including the Department of Finance, the State Board of Education, the California Department of Education, and the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Prior to joining ACSA, Martha served as the Director of Government Relations for the San Diego Unified School District. In this capacity, she represented and advocated on behalf of California's second largest school district and lead all fiscal and education policy advocacy efforts in the state budget and on the full spectrum of K-12 public education policy. She previously worked for the California State Treasurer's Office in various capacities and led the design, development and implementation of a \$25 million statewide financial incentive program. In 2011, Martha was recognized as the California State Treasurer's Office Employee of the Year.

Martha is an active member of the Sacramento Stanford Alumni Association where she serves as President of the Board and is a co-founder of the newly established Sacramento Latina Leaders Network. She is an alumna of the California Capitol Executive Fellowship Program and the Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Leadership Institute. Martha received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in educational administration and policy from Stanford University.

Martha handles issues related to state budget and school finance, accountability, assessment/testing, English language learners, tax policy and the State Board of Education. For questions regarding these issues, contact Martha at [malvarez@acsa.org](mailto:malvarez@acsa.org).