



May 29, 2020

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RE: K-12 State Budget

Dear Governor and Budget Chairs:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on our economy and the state budget. The Legislature is now confronted with many difficult decisions on which policy priorities to fund or cut. We, the undersigned Legislators, support K-12 funding as our state's highest budget priority. K-12 public schools impact all of our communities -- urban, suburban, and rural. At a time when schools are facing increased costs in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the state needs to give them more, not fewer, resources.

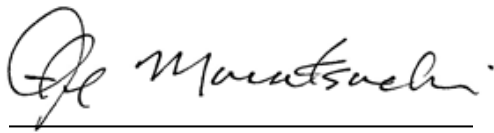
We cannot fully reopen our economy without reopening our schools. Many Californians cannot get back to work without schools reopening. This pandemic has clearly underscored how schools provide not just an education for our children, but also childcare for working families, meals for many students, and mental health and other vital health services for our children. To support our schools, children, and families during this pandemic, we must give them the resources they need to reopen in the fall. As most funding for education is distributed through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), we need to fully fund LCFF at least at the 2019-20 funding level, and eliminate the 10 percent LCFF funding cut proposed in the May Revision.

Additionally, federal CARES Act funding must be distributed in a fair and equitable way to all school districts, as the COVID-19 pandemic has affected every school in the state. The overriding purpose of the CARES Act is

to address the impact of the pandemic. Funds should be distributed to help all schools provide necessary services and equipment for our children and school staff, whether for necessary public health measures or to make distance learning work for all students. To this end, federal CARES Act dollars should be distributed to all school districts based on LCFF.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



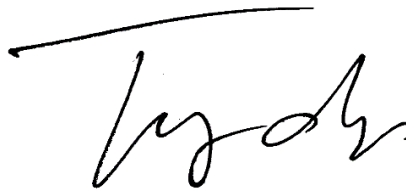
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