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RE: Legislative update

Governor Schwarzenegger signed the following legislation into law.

[AB 430](#) by Assembly Member Pedro Nava (D-Santa Barbara) - Principal Training Program. AB 430 expands the Principal Training Program in order to support, develop and retain California school principals. The program will be extended by six years until 2012 and eligibility for participation will be expanded to include state special schools. The bill renames the Principal Training Program as the Administrator Training program and adds requirements to the training.

[AB 740](#) by Assembly Member Robert Huff (R-Diamond Bar) - Charter schools: funding. AB 740 changes the formula for computing the charter school categorical block grant and increases the per-pupil allocation from its current level of \$290 to \$400 in 2006-2007 and to \$500 in 2007-2008.

[AB 1385](#) by Assembly Member John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) - School meals. AB 1385 will help to enroll tens of thousands of additional students in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast program by requiring CDE to create a computerized data matching system combining existing databases from CDE and the Department of Health Services to directly certify recipients.

[SB 319](#) by Senator Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) - Charter schools: funding. SB 319 modifies the allocation of general-purpose funding for charter schools that operate within school districts. Revises the pupil attendance requirements for school districts.

[SB 352](#) by Senator Jack Scott (D-Altadena) - Chief Business Officer Training Program. SB 352 establishes the Chief Business Officer Training Program to help ensure that schools' chief business officers possess the skills necessary to maintain sound fiscal operations of school district and county office of education budgets. Authorizes the Superintendent to award funding to school districts and to county offices of education to provide eligible candidates with instruction and training in the areas of school finance, school operations, and leadership.

[SB 430](#) by Senator George C. Runner (R-Antelope Valley) - Charter schools.

SB 430 encourages the fiscal health of charter schools by clarifying that county superintendents of education have the authority to review their fiscal and management practices, thereby increasing oversight to avoid mismanagement. This bill also makes clear that charter schools may contract with the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team to assist in cases of fiscal mismanagement.

[SB 687](#) by Senator Joseph Simitian (D-Palo Alto) - School accountability report card: reporting requirements: standardized template: review and revisions.

SB 687 districts to include the actual salaries of personnel on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC template will be modified so that it can reflect salary expenditures as part of per-pupil expenditure totals.

Governor Schwarzenegger has also signed three pieces of legislation - SB 70, SB 875 and AB 1609 - that expand California schools' vocational education or Career Technical Education (CTE) programs so that students will be equipped with the essential skills and experience necessary to prepare them for various careers in today's demanding job environment.

In addition to the \$20 million in new funding being devoted to CTE, the Governor's 2005-06 budget makes the following allocations:

- \$10 million for community colleges to expand nursing education.
- \$560,000 for California State University to develop master's degree programs in nursing.
- Nearly \$50 million for low-performing schools to improve their educational environment and recruit retain and reward teachers and principals.
- Nearly \$70 million to provide supplemental instruction to students who have failed or are at risk of failing the California High School Exit Exam.
- \$18.2 million to increase the amount of fruits and vegetables students are served under California's School Breakfast Program.
- \$193.6 million to prepare schools for enrollment growth.
- \$3.9 billion for growing enrollment, cost of living increases and mental health services for our students with special needs.
- \$183.5 million for emergency repairs in schools, consistent with the Williams Case settlement.