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**Statement from California Association of Suburban School Districts on
New CA State COVID-19 Guidance for Schools**

The following statement was issued today by Sara Noguchi, Superintendent Modesto City Schools, the lead district of the California Association of Suburban School Districts:

“We agree with Governor Newsom that learning is nonnegotiable.

“While we look forward to welcoming students back into our classrooms when we can do so safely, our districts remain committed to providing high quality education for all students that is rigorous, interactive, and engaging on a daily basis, whether in person or online.

“We applaud the expectations emphasized by Governor Newsom that distance learning must be high quality, rigorous, and engaging so that it meets the needs of all students, including English learners and students in special education. These statewide guidelines and collaborative use of health data by school districts and local and state public health officials will support a transparent process for decision-making on closing and reopening schools.

“We appreciate the \$5.3. billion investment that the Governor and legislature recently made so districts can address learning loss and promote learning continuity and equity in education during the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources will support a range of tools, and implementation of strategies and lessons that are rigorous and engaging. We are committed to keep students on track to meet California’s standards.

“We know this pandemic may be with us through the next school year. We urge federal policymakers to address the continued funding needs for schools in the next coronavirus relief package.”

The California Association of Suburban School Districts is an organization that supports policies and funding efforts that will improve the quality of education for California students. Members of the California Association of Suburban School Districts include:

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