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California Association of Suburban School Districts Applauds New Investments in Education Proposed by Governor Newsom

On behalf of the California Association of Suburban School District ([CALSSD](#)), Dr. Sara Noguchi, Superintendent of Modesto City Schools, lead district for CALSSD, issued the following statement in response to the education budget proposal announced by Governor Newsom:

“Suburban school district leaders are focused on accelerating learning and addressing social-emotional needs with our students as we emerge from the effects of the pandemic over the past year. The new investments in public education proposed today by Governor Newsom will give schools powerful leverage and resources to expand educational opportunities for students who need additional time and support over the summer, as well as with before and after school programs, as they reintegrate into the in-person learning environment.

“The pandemic and social justice issues of the last year exacerbated many stresses our students face. The proposed investments in wellness and mental health are critically needed to support our student’s social and emotional health as well as their academic progress.

“We applaud the Governor’s proposal to expand Transitional Kindergarten so all students can benefit from a high-quality educational foundation. By coupling this early learning investment with a \$500 college savings account for every low-income child entering public school, we will be sending an important message to parents and students alike that we are committed to their future success and college-to-career endeavors.

“We also appreciate the Governor’s proposal to invest in the next generation of teachers and counselors, and we look forward to enhancing our efforts to recruit and provide professional development for educators who reflect the diversity of our community.

“As the final budget agreement is negotiated between the Governor and the Legislature, we urge all policymakers to commit to these investments in students for the long term. While each dollar spent on public education is vital, one-time only funding will not allow school districts to make systemic and equitable changes that accelerate learning and help all students meet their college and career goals. Sustainable long-term investments in school districts are needed to help students thrive and grow into productive adults so they can do their part to contribute to positive transformation in communities throughout the state.”

The [California Association of Suburban School Districts \(CALSSD\)](#) is a statewide coalition of districts that advocates for policies and funding to improve education for students in suburban schools.

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