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California Association of Suburban School Districts Respond to Governor's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-24

In response to the release of Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed state budget for 2023-34, the California Association of Suburban School Districts (CALSSD) has released the following statement. This statement can be attributed to Dr. Sara Noguchi, Superintendent of Modesto City Schools which is the lead district for CALSSD.

"Given the decline in state revenues, we appreciate the level of funding maintained in the proposed budget to support California students.

"The proposed COLA for LCFF and special education will help suburban school districts support critical educational programs for the diverse populations of the students we serve. Districts intend to use these vital resources to continue a variety of programs to accelerate learning, engage students, and help prepare them for opportunities and successful futures.

"The new targeted funding proposed through an LCFF equity multiplier will help suburban school districts provide important additional supports for students who have been historically underserved.

"As our districts work to expand transitional kindergarten and implement preschool programs, we are very pleased that Governor Newsom maintained his commitment to high quality early learning and continues to recognize the cost of expanding educational services to California's young learners.

"Suburban school districts face staffing shortages in many areas; state investments, as well as a call to action to attract more people into the field, can serve as a leverage point for local efforts.

"We applaud the Governor's plan to invest state funds in cybersecurity. Local educational agencies need this timely support as more districts face threats in this area.

"CALSSD and our member districts look forward to engaging with Governor Newsom and the Legislature on California's education spending plan as the state's revenue projections become clearer."

The California Association of Suburban School Districts is an organization that support policies and funding efforts that will improve the quality of education for all students.



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