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

In response to the release of Governor Gavin Newsom's May Revision to the proposed state budget for 2023-24, 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, the lead district for CALSSD.

"Suburban school districts applaud the Governor for funding a full statutory 8.2% cost of living adjustment which school districts need to address increasing local costs. The trade-off is the proposed reduction and clawing back funds from the arts and music block and learning recovery grants. Since many districts are already using these funds to meet important student needs, it will be challenging for them to manage these funding cuts if they are sustained through the budget process."

"We are heartened by the May Revision proposals to increase the educator workforce. Schools need all available tools to recruit and retain a teacher workforce that reflects the diversity of our students. We also support efforts to provide flexibility, allowing schools to hire retired educators and use innovative approaches to fill high-needs vacancies such as special education."

"California suburban school leaders will continue to advocate for our students as the Legislature considers these proposals and navigates the continued uncertainty in state revenues and economic growth."

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

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