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## **CALSSD Statement on Proposed Budget Released by Governor Gavin Newsom**

Sacramento, CA – The <u>Association of California Suburban School Districts (CALSSD)</u> today issued the following statement in reaction to Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. This statement is attributed to Dr. Sara Noguchi, Superintendent of Modesto City Schools – the lead district for CALSSD.

"As California faces an anticipated revenue shortfall, CALSSD appreciates that Governor Newsom's proposed budget prioritizes critical investments that support student learning by maintaining fidelity to the Local Control Funding Formula and protecting funding for core TK-12 educational programs.

"Suburban school district leaders look forward to working with Governor Newsom on the development of a career education master plan. Our students will benefit from expanded opportunities to learn about and prepare for fulfilling high-road jobs that are needed to power our economy.

"Finally, we applaud Governor Newsom's commitment to work with the Legislature to place a much-needed school facilities bond on the November ballot to address the growing need to build and modernize schools. We hope that there will be an opportunity after the May Revision to fund the \$550 million implementation of the critical expansion of the transitional kindergarten program."