April 20, 2017

The Honorable Patrick O’Donnell
Chair, Assembly Committee on Education
1020 N Street, Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Re: AB 1321 (Weber) – SUPPORT as amended 3/30/17
School Spending and Transparency – Education Equity

Dear Assemblymember O’Donnell:

We write in support of Assembly Bill 1321 (Weber), which will help ensure transparency and equity in school funding and that LCFF supplemental and concentration dollars are reaching the schools and students they are intended to serve.

In 2013, California enacted the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which established base grants, as well as supplemental and concentration grants based on student need. Unfortunately, we still do not know if the additional grants generated by English language learners, low-income students, and foster youth enrollment are actually resulting in additional expenditures at the schools they attend.

AB 1321 mirrors new federal reporting requirements for actual per-pupil expenditures at the school and district level, and also requires the development of state standards and criteria for the collection and reporting of this information to align with LCFF. This bill will finally enable the transparent reporting of supplemental and concentration grant expenditures for each local educational agency and each school in California.

With this bill, parents, students, community groups and the public can see where the dollars are going and effectively engage in the local planning and decision-making process to advocate for vulnerable students. It is time to honor the vision of LCFF by making these expenditures transparent to the public.

We support AB 1321, and we urge an “AYE” vote on this measure.

Sincerely,
10,000 Degrees
A Place Called Home
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors
Aeries Software
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
Arthur J Gallagher
Arts Bridging the Gap
Autism Deserves Equal Coverage Foundation
BANANAS
Bay Area Tutoring Association
Benevolence Health Centers
Big Bear Chamber of Commerce
Black Parallel School Board
BLU Educational Foundation
Bobbot & Riles, PC
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County
Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra
Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council
California Alliance of African American Educators
California Association for Bilingual Education
California Latino School Boards Association
California Mathematics Council
California School-Age Consortium
Californians Together
CASA of Nevada County
CASA of Santa Cruz County
CASSY
Catholic Charities Youth Club
Center for Leadership, Equity, and Research (CLEAR)
Central California Asthma Collaborative
Children Now
Children's Defense Fund - California
Childs-pace
Community Health Councils
Cope Family Center
Crescent City/Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Dorris Dann Kids Campus
Educate78
Educators for Excellence - Los Angeles
EdVoice
Epilepsy California
Equal Justice Society
Faith Lutheran Church Riverside
Families In Schools
Families NOW
Family Paths, Inc.
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
Footsteps Child Care, Inc.
Foster Care Counts
Fresno Metro Ministry
Future Is Now
Girls Inc. of Orange County
Girls Leadership
GO Public Schools
Govern for California
Half Moon Bay Brewing Company
Harbour Consulting
Healing Hearts “one at a time”
Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley
Inner-City Arts
Issokson & Associates
John Gill Elementary - PTA
Kern Community Foundation
Khmer Girls in Action
Kids' Own Wisdom
Kos Read Group Communications & Public Affairs
La Clinica de La Raza
LA Voice
Lincoln
Little Manila Foundation
Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
Making Change For Children
Mission: Readiness
Modoc County Child Development Advisory Committee
Modoc County Office of Education
Morgan Family Foundation
Mothers' Club Family Learning Center
NAACP Pomona Valley Branch#1085B
National Center for Youth Law
North Bay Leadership Council
Optimal Solutions Consulting
Orange County Business Council
Pacific Community Solutions, Inc.
Parent Revolution
Partnership for Los Angeles Schools
Peninsula Bridge
Peninsula Family Service
Promesa Boyle Heights
Provide Saint John's Child & Family Development
Public Counsel
Public Profit
Raineth Housing
Reading and Beyond
Restorative Schools Vision Project
San Carlos Chamber of Commerce
South Stockton Schools Initiative
Students For Education Reform
Students Matter
Teach for America - California
Teach Plus
The BASIC Fund
The Children's Movement of Fresno
The Education Trust - West
The Gabriella Foundation
The GreenHouse Center
The Inn at Mavericks
The Latina Center
Trauma Camp
United Way of Greater Los Angeles
WHH Foundation
Women's Empowerment
Women's Foundation of California
YMCA of San Francisco
Youth Alliance