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**The Education Coalition Opposes the Governor's  
May Revision Proposal  
To Create Weighted Pupil Formula**

In his 2012-13 budget for K-12 education, Governor Brown has proposed a weighted pupil formula [WPF] that would radically change the way that schools are funded in California. While the proposal is designed to achieve a number of laudable goals, it would essentially make permanent the \$20 billion in cuts that schools have endured over the past four years. The Education Coalition opposes the proposal for the following reasons:

- This is the worst possible time to ask school districts to consider changes to the school funding formula. Any proposal to consolidate existing programs, without fully funding them is simply a redirection of resources at the lowest funding point in the last decade.
- Districts are already facing a potential cut of \$402 per student if a temporary tax measure is rejected by voters. Again, as noted above, this new reduction would be in addition to the \$20 billion in cuts to our schools over the past 4 years.
- Without additional revenues and a hold harmless provision, the consolidation proposal would result in some districts receiving additional funds at the expense of others, essentially "robbing Peter to pay Paul." Even with new revenues, these adjustments are insufficient to make a weighted pupil formula work effectively for all districts.
- As noted in the Education Coalition position paper on the budget, policy proposals in the budget should get a full policy hearing. A public hearing gives an opportunity for all concerned interests to hear and respond to the rationale for the policy changes being proposed.
- There should be detailed analysis provided to the public on the impact of these proposals at the district, school, and student level. It should reflect the impact on districts with and without the passing of a statewide tax revenue initiative.

**Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)**

*representing more than 16,000 school administrators*

**California Association Of School Business Officials (CASBO)**

*representing more than 4,000 school business officials*

**California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)**

*representing all 58 county superintendents throughout California*

**California Federation of Teachers (CFT-AFL-CIO)**

*representing nearly 90,000 education employees*

**California School Boards Association (CSBA)**

*representing nearly 1,000 K-12 school districts and county offices of education throughout California*

**California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

*representing more than 230,000 classified school employees*

**California State PTA**

*representing more than one million parents, teachers, and students in California*

**California Teachers Association (CTA)**

*representing over 325,000 educators*

**Service Employees International Union (SEIU)**

*representing more than 50,000 school employees in California*

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