As Superintendent, Tony has a proven record of standing with our students and educators.

Closing the digital divide and expanding internet access for low-income and rural students

1.2 MILLION
DEVICES

900,000
CONNECTED WITH
INTERNET ACCESS

Launching an initiative to ensure all students can read by third grade

5 MILLION+ BOOKS TO
1 MILLION+ STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES

Leading the successful push to ensure universal pre-K

FOR ALL 4-YEAR-OLDS
IN CALIFORNIA
BY 2026

Prioritizing the hiring of counselors to address the social, emotional and psychological needs of students

10,000
NEW MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELORS

Addressing staffing shortages in our schools and making sure students have the help they need to ensure learning resiliency and recovery following the pandemic

15,000
ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

ABOUT TONY

Tony Thurmond has always known the importance of public education. Born to a single mother who passed away when he was six, Tony and his brothers were then raised by a cousin who showed them how education was the great equalizer. As a former social worker, he knows the importance of mentorship in young people’s lives, and he is launching a statewide program to connect caring adult volunteer mentors to students who need extra support in order to be successful in school.

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