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## **Statement from Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. K. Monroe on Governor Newsom's 2021-22 Budget Announcement**

**SACRAMENTO, CA. (May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021)** I am grateful to see this significant expansion of immediate-term school funding in Governor Gavin Newsom's revised state budget proposal.

This infusion of education funding comes at an unparalleled time for schools as they are on the front lines of addressing the realities of this pandemic that have inequitably impacted public education which has suffered from decades of underinvestment. We must remain squarely focused on providing support for the children who have suffered the most from being disconnected from the safeguards and face-to-face instruction that our schools provide.

The Governor's budget increases for public education, coupled with one-time funding for school reopening in the current year, provide a unique opportunity for expanded wraparound services, including mental health, and critical support to districts and schools as our students return to classrooms.

We eagerly anticipate seeing these proposed increases codified in the Legislature's approved budget, for this year and in future years to move California school per-pupil funding in the right direction.

With expanded vaccinations, more adequate short-term school funding and broader reopening of classrooms across our state, I look forward to returning better and stronger knowing that California's more than 6 million students are counting on us.

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