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Linda Darling-Hammond, President and Members of the State Board of Education State Board of Education 1430 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email: <u>SBE@cde.ca.gov</u>

Re: Item #3: Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Template – Revision Prototypes, consistent with California *Education Code* sections 42238.07, 52064 and Section 124 of Assembly Bill 130

Dear President Darling-Hammond and Members of the State Board of Education:

We respectfully submit this letter on behalf of the Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee (CISC) of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA). We appreciate the opportunity to provide input over the last two months through the LCAP advisory group, Tuesday @ 2 webinars and the August California Practitioners Advisory Committee.

We are very supportive of the proposed timeline for adoption and appreciate the California Department of Education (CDE) bringing the draft revisions in September with the intent to request adoption in November. This timeline allows both county offices of education (COEs and local education agencies (LEAs) the necessary time to understand the new requirements and prepare for the changes. Additionally, COEs will have adequate time to prepare and deliver thoughtful and comprehensive training as well as ensure statewide calibration.

Additionally, we encourage the board to consider whether the proposed changes support students, educational partners and LEAs without becoming overly burdensome. The revised Template and Supplement for the Annual Update should include only the components required by statute. It is essential that the revisions not require additional items beyond what is required by statute and that the LCAP continue to be used as a tool for strategic planning in order to best serve students.

Thank you for your leadership and support for California's public schools and students. We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to train and implement the revised LCAP template.

Sincerely,

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