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Dr. Michael Kirst, President
California State Board of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Local Control Funding Formula, Agenda items 20 and 21

Dear Dr. Kirst:

On behalf of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), I am writing to express our support for the proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) spending regulations and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) template, as reflected in items 20 and 21 on the State Board's January agenda.

The State Board of Education of California Department of Education have done an extraordinary job of reaching out to solicit input and recommendations from the many individuals and organizations with concerns about the important issues addressed in the regulations and template. We want to express our appreciation for encouraging this broad-based input and review.

The proposed LCFF spending regulations and LCAP template strike an important balance of accountability and flexibility. The regulations and template will require local communities to address the critical issues identified by the state priorities for LCFF, while recognizing enormous diversity of the state. CCSESA believes the proposed LCFF spending regulations and LCAP template provide meaningful, coherent direction and structure to county offices of education, school districts and charter schools, and their communities as they decide how to allocate resources to address the clearly articulated state priorities, with special emphasis on students in need.

CCSESA is excited about the potential of the LCFF and LCAP to successfully blend flexibility and accountability. We believe the proposed regulations and templates will support successful implementation of LCFF and recommend their approval.

Sincerely,

Peter Birdsall, Executive Director

cc: Members, State Board of Education
Karen Stapf-Walters, Executive Director