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June 19, 2014

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Steinberg:

On behalf of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), I am writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of the nominations of Mike Kirst, Carl Cohn and Patricia Rucker to the State Board of Education. All three are currently members of the State Board and all three have served with distinction. The entire education community will be well-served by their re-appointment and confirmation.

As you know, this is a time of extraordinary change in California public education. The State Legislature has approved a major change in school funding, a new emphasis on local transparency and accountability, implementation of the Common Core standards, and a dramatically different student assessment system designed to support instructional improvement. Taken together, these parallel efforts require a deep understanding of how schools operate, combined with a willingness to listen to the perspectives of the various individuals and organizations with specific concerns about these efforts. All three nominees reflect this important combination of expertise and accessibility.

CCSESA represents the county superintendents of schools from throughout California. County offices of education are deeply engaged in the implementation of all the reforms described above. After years of experience working with state agencies, we are pleased to report that we have never experienced a State Board of Education that is more open to hearing about issues and problems, and working collaboratively to find solutions. In a time of rapid change, it is gratifying to have partners who are working openly and thoughtfully to make program implementation a success.

Mike Kirst, Carl Cohn and Patricia Rucker all have our strong endorsement to serve on the State Board of Education.

Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Peter Birdsall
Executive Director