THE CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT OF CALIFORNIA

CHILDREN NOW January 7, 2013



The Honorable Darrell Steinberg Senate President pro Tempore, State of California Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable John Pérez Speaker of the California State Assembly State Capitol, Rm. 219 Sacramento, CA 95814











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Re: Weighted Student Formula Is Critical for Students, Schools, and Communities

We are greatly appreciative of your strong support for Proposition 30, and hopeful that its passage represents a critical turning point in California's commitment to funding public schools. In addition to our goal of funding stability and growth for schools, we recognize that

this provides an ideal opportunity to continue discussions on much-needed reforms to the

We are committed to continuing discussions which began last year, and continued into the fall, on moving to a Weighted Student Formula that would streamline the existing school finance system, while making progress towards a new system that will encourage local innovation, address historic inequities, and result in a system that allocates adequate

Problem-solving this significant initiative is essential and we believe it is time for California

opportunity and begin working earnestly on designing a new funding system that not only addresses issues relating to equity, transparency, and local control but also guides our hand

With this effort we can finally implement a system that achieves equity, transparency, and accountability for the children of California. We join with the many education stakeholders

below in expressing our interest in working with the Legislature and Administration to

to move forward and implement this reform. For far too long we have evaluated and bemoaned the failings and inequities in how we fund education, and now an opportunity exists to fundamentally restructure our finance system for the better. Governor Brown has demonstrated his commitment to an alternative funding formula. We must seize upon this

Dear Senator Steinberg and Mr. Speaker:

finance system for public education.

in making future investments.

accomplish this important goal.

resources based on student characteristics and need.





The Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation



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Sincerely,





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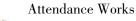


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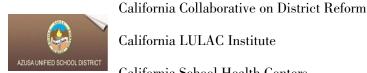
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