

## Sample Letter to the Editor #2

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Dear Editor:

School leaders in California have made a clear choice. Together we are advancing the dialogue and we are proactively offering recommendations for action. We've made the choice to be proactive. We agree that the evolution of our public education system depends on adequate, efficient, stable and ongoing funding to help students achieve the high academic standards we set for them. We also agree that specific improvements in four priority areas will lead to success for students.

California schools educate a growing number of minority and immigrant children who speak little or no English. More students than ever before come to school hungry and in need of health and dental care, and many have had no preschool experience. At the same time, our global high-tech economy requires more specialized skills than ever before. Our school accountability systems – both state and national – require all schools to bring all students to the highest levels.

We are committed to our schools and the students we serve. We urge the governor, lawmakers, policy leaders and all stakeholders in the public education system to join us in focusing on the following priorities: narrowing the achievement gap; building capacity among teachers and administrators; measuring results through reliable data on student achievement; and providing adequate, stable and ongoing funding.

Sincerely,