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Educators and experts gather to discuss Gov. Schwarzenegger's broken promise to schools and its impact on education

(**Sacramento**) – Legislators, budget experts and economists discuss this year's economic outlook and the top-10 political issues facing education in 2005 – including the governor's proposed budget and his proposed plans to dismantle Proposition 98 – at the **2005 Forecast Conference** hosted by the California School Boards Association from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Confirmed speakers include:

- **Sen. Don Perata**, president pro tem of the Senate
- **Rick Simpson**, policy director for the speaker of the Assembly
- **Sen. Jack Scott**, chair of the Senate Education Committee
- **Christopher Thornberg**, senior economist, UCLA Anderson School of Management
- **Scott P. Plotkin**, executive director of CSBA
- **Rick Pratt**, assistant executive director of governmental relations for CSBA

The event is free for credentialed members of the media. A separate forecast event is scheduled for the southern part of the state from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14 at the San Diego County Office of Education.

2005 CSBA Forecast Conference
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12
Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street
and
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14
San Diego Office of Education, 6401 Linda Vista Rd.

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