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**State school boards association lauds governor for  
making good on his promise**

(West Sacramento, CA) – The following statement was released by CSBA Executive Director Scott P. Plotkin after a briefing yesterday by Schwarzenegger administration officials regarding the settlement of a lawsuit to restore funding owed to schools:

“As an intervenor in the lawsuit, the California School Boards Association applauds the governor for settling the suit and essentially agreeing to repay the money owed to schools. With significant new, unanticipated state revenues, it made perfect sense for him to deliver on his promise to the education community. Schools were the first to get cut two years ago — we’re glad the governor recognized California’s 6.3 million schoolchildren deserved to be a priority for funding restoration.

CSBA looks forward to Friday’s release of the May Revision to the 2006-07 state budget and its provisions relative to the lawsuit settlement. This very positive move by the governor to make good on repaying the debt to schools gives us reason to be optimistic about working with him and the Legislature on a wide range of education issues. It’s crucial that we all work together to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students. The future of our state depends on it.”

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