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School boards association supports Prop. 98 lawsuit

(SACRAMENTO) – The California School Boards Association supports the lawsuit filed yesterday by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell and the California Teachers Association to enforce the provisions of Proposition 98.

“This lawsuit sends a strong message about the importance of education funding in California,” said CSBA President Dr. Kerry Clegg. “Educating California’s future – our 6 million schoolchildren – should be the state’s number one priority, but their standing during the last several state budgets has signified the lack of commitment toward our schools. We commend the actions of Superintendent O’Connell and CTA to honor the will of the people who supported the passage of Proposition 98 and hold the Administration accountable to the agreement reached with the Education Coalition in December 2003.”

“School boards across the state remain steadfast in their commitment to education funding,” said CSBA’s Executive Director Scott P. Plotkin. “This lawsuit signifies that the education community will not stand for the unconstitutional provisions in this year’s budget. CSBA is pleased to see our education colleagues take the initiative on this lawsuit. We applaud and support their efforts.”

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