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CSBA TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESS CONFERENCE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Legislators and educators seek support for SB 1769 (Escutia) to accelerate English acquisition and improve academic achievement

(West Sacramento, CA) □ California School Boards Association Hispanic Director-At-Large Susan Heredia, a school board member in the Natomas Unified School District, will participate in a press conference on SB 1769 (Escutia) on **Thursday, August 10, 11 a.m.**, in room 1190 of the state Capitol.

Heredia will join Senator Martha Escutia (D □ Norwalk), Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg (D □ Los Angeles), Assembly Member Judy Chu (D □ Monterey Park), Rosa Molina, associate superintendent, San Jose Unified School District, to make the case that one of the most critical issues facing our state is ensuring that California's 1.6 million English learners, nearly one-third of public school children, learn the academic skills and English they need to succeed in school and the workplace.

Speakers will address SB 1769, that would simply allow publishers to submit textbooks to the State Board of Education for adoption that are written and taught in English and designed to systematically develop English fluency while teaching academic content. It would also restore funding for the State Board of Education that the Legislature deleted before it passed the 2006-07 budget.

For several months, a broad coalition of education groups, including the CSBA, the Association of California School Administrators and 40 school districts, requested the State Board of Education provide textbooks that better address both the language and academic needs of English learner students. When the State Board refused to provide these materials, the Legislature responded to the educators request with SB 1769.

Find out more about SB 1769 during this briefing.

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