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## **California School Boards Association Initiates Statewide Drive to Promote Proposition 1D**

**WEST SACRAMENTO** – This week, the California School Boards Association launched a widespread effort to tout the tangible benefits Proposition 1D will afford to California's K-12 schools, as well as community colleges and state universities. Proposition 1D, also known as the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, would provide over \$10.4 billion to make schools earthquake safe, relieve overcrowding and invest in career technical education.

State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell and other supporters participated in a kick-off event at George Washington High School, in San Francisco. In the coming weeks, more events are planned across the state in such cities as Los Angeles (October 10), Riverside (October 17), and Sacramento (October 18).

"Proposition 1D is the kind of comprehensive investment in our schools that voters should support," said Scott P. Plotkin, executive director of the California School Boards Association. "We're all concerned about the future of our children, and it's time to step up our efforts to ensure California's students receive the highest quality education and Proposition 1D is an important part of these efforts."

Proposition 1D calls for \$7.3 billion for the modernization of existing schools and the construction of new ones, as well as monies that will go toward the construction of new career technical education facilities. 1D also includes funds for charter school facilities, environmentally friendly projects, and joint-use projects. Furthermore, the higher education component of 1D would bring \$3.1 to California's community colleges and state universities for the construction of new buildings and other related infrastructure.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to bolster the support our schools receive, and we cannot let it pass us by," Scott P. Plotkin said. "As parents, teachers, school administrators, and generally concerned citizens, it is our responsibility to give 1D the votes it needs on November 7, and I am confident that Californians will make an investment in our schools and our students that will pay a lifetime of dividends.

In addition to CSBA and Superintendent Jack O'Connell, other supporters of Proposition 1D include Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, the California Teachers Association, the California Community College Board of Governors, the California State PTA, the California Taxpayers' Association, and the California Business Roundtable.

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