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## **CSBA Responds to Governor's State of the State**

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**Sacramento, CA** – The California School Boards Association today expressed appreciation for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's recognition of success in California's public schools, but cautioned that the governor's plan to cut spending across the board would result in disastrous consequences for our schools.

"Cuts to schools in the middle of the fiscal year, when the public school year is nearly half over, are unrealistic and unacceptable," stated CSBA President Paul H. Chatman. "Teachers are in the classroom, bus drivers are transporting children to and from school, and school personnel are serving students and parents at all levels.

"Nationwide, California remains at the bottom of per-pupil funding, while at the same time we have the nation's highest academic standards. To make additional cuts in this environment simply does not add up.

"We look forward to the details of the proposed budget and continuing a conversation with Governor Schwarzenegger that began in November. CSBA wants very much to contribute to solutions to the current fiscal crisis, but at the same time call upon the governor and legislature to put *all* options on the table. Until this happens, developing an honest and long-term solution to this crisis will not be possible."

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