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October 12, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

In addition to the letter of support from the California School Boards Association (sent Thursday, October 6, also attached herein), we are pleased to also provide letters of support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline from the following board members/superintendents/individuals:

Ms. Satra Zurita, Board President, Compton Unified School District*
Mr. Micah Ali, Vice President, Compton Unified School District*
Ms. Alisa MacAvoy, Board President, Redwood City School District*
Mr. David Browning, Board Member, Lake County Office of Education*
Mr. Gordon Piffero, Superintendent, Big Sur Unified School District*
Ms. Shelley Cain, Superintendent, McCloud Elementary School District*
Ms. Elizabeth A. Modena, Superintendent, Gonzales Unified School District*
Mr. Ron Ferrando, Superintendent, Willow Creek Elementary School District*
Mr. Zach Thurman, Superintendent, Maxwell Unified School District*
Mr. Trenton Hansen, Assistant Superintendent, Jurupa Unified School District*
Ms. Julie Suarez, Director of Business Operations, Oak Park Unified School District*
Ms. Elana Levens-Craig, Vice President, Santee School District**
Mr. Jerry Bowman, Board President, Menifee Union School District**
Ms. Paige Stauss, Board President, Roseville Joint Union High School District**
Ms. Tami Gunther, Board President, Atascadero Unified School District**
Mr. Vince Rosato***

**signed on behalf of district*

***signed on own behalf*

****signed as individual*

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erika Hoffman
Legislative Advocate, CSBA

CC: Elizabeth Shirakh, Project Manager, California Energy Commission
Sarah Smith, Legislative Manager, California Energy Commission
Bryan Early, Advisor, California Energy Commission
Patrick Saxton, Advisor, California Energy Commission
Armand Angulo, Manager, Local Assistance and Financing Office,
California Energy Commission



October 6, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of the California School Boards Association, which represents nearly 1,000 school district and county boards of education statewide, I am writing to express our strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to prepare and submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

An extension of these deadlines is critical to allow California's school and county boards the necessary time to ensure that Proposition 39 dollars are spent effectively and appropriately.

As we understand it, the CEC, in concert with the California Department of Education (CDE) has adopted a definition of "encumbrance" per the California Education Accounting Manual as a "commitment in the form of a purchase order or offer to buy goods or services." This new definition was announced in June, along with the final deadline of August 1, 2017 for school and county boards to submit EEPs. These deadlines essentially reduce, by a full year, the time period that LEAs would have to gather and analyze the local data needed to submit an effective and publicly transparent EEP.

Under the current encumbrance and EEP submission deadlines, it is likely that:

1. School and county boards submitting EEPs will not have ample time to ensure that those plans are properly aligned with the specific local needs of their schools;
2. Money available under the Clean Energy Jobs Fund will be left on the table if school and county boards do not have adequate time to prepare EEPs, and;
3. Since the current EEP deadline occurs *before* allocations are made from the CDE to the Proposition 39 program for 2017-18, school and county boards will be forced to submit EEPs based on estimates and guesses, not on the actual amount of the allocations.

For these reasons, CSBA strongly supports a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that school and county boards may submit EEPs that are prepared with a full understanding of available funds and are properly reflective of the needs of their schools and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Erika Hoffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Erika Hoffman
Legislative Advocate
California School Boards Association

CC: Elizabeth Shirakh, Project Manager, California Energy Commission
Sarah Smith, Legislative Manager, California Energy Commission
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October 11, 2016

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The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Extension of Proposition 39's Program Encumbrance
Deadline -- **SUPPORT**

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of the Compton Unified School District, we are writing to express our strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

An extension of these deadlines is critical to allow the necessary time to ensure that Proposition 39 dollars are spent effectively and appropriately.

Our mission at Compton Unified is to empower leaders to lead, teachers to teach, and students to learn by fostering an environment that encourages leaders and teachers to be visionary, innovative, and accountable for the achievement of each of the nearly 26,000 students that we serve. This includes providing modern, environmentally efficient facilities both for their current learning and future careers on this planet.

In concert with the California Department of Education, the CEC has adopted a definition of "encumbrance" per the California Education Accounting Manual as a "commitment in the form of a purchase order or offer to buy goods or services." This definition was announced earlier in the year, along with the final deadline of August 1, 2017 for school and county boards to submit EEPs.

The effect of this new CEC deadline essentially reduces, by an entire year, the amount of time available for LEAs to plan, gather, and analyze the local data needed to submit an effective and publicly transparent EEP. Although this can be a time-intensive task to gather benchmark and baseline energy information, it is crucial to ensure that school districts and other LEAs are investing in projects that make the most sense and have the biggest impact for their district.



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Thanks to Proposition 39 and the resulting Clean Energy Jobs Fund, we are now seeing many successful installations being executed all over the state that are creating utility bill and energy savings that will allow schools more room in their general funds for priorities such as teacher support, salaries and student academic achievement. There should also be additional health benefits as a result of these projects for our state's citizens by lowering greenhouse gas emissions in virtually every community in California.

We believe that under these new submission and encumbrance deadlines, it is likely that our district and others will *not* have ample time to ensure that an EEP is properly aligned with the specific needs of local schools. Also, since the current EEP deadline occurs *before* allocations are made from the CDE to the Proposition 39 program for 2017-18, LEAs would be forced to submit an EEP based on estimates and guesses, not on the actual amount of the allocations.

A one-year extension would be a simple solution and allow this school planning to occur on the five-year timeline that LEAs have been working under to complete their EEP submissions with full knowledge of what their funding for energy projects would be in that final year.

We do not want to see any Proposition 39 funding left unused due to a shortened timeline for submitting required plans.

For these reasons, we strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Satra Zurita
President

Micah Ali
Vice President

October 6, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of the Redwood City School District, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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Under the current EEP submission and encumbrance deadlines, it is likely that our district and others will not have ample time to ensure that an EEP is properly aligned with the specific needs of local schools. Also, since the current EEP deadline occurs *before* allocations are made from the CDE to the Proposition 39 program for 2017-18, LEAs would be forced to submit an EEP based on estimates and guesses, not on the actual amount of the allocations.

For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,



Alisa MacAvoy
Redwood City School District Board President

October 6, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of Lake County Office of Education, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,



David Browning, O.D.
Lake County Board Member



BIG SUR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PACIFIC VALLEY SCHOOL K-12

October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of **Big Sur Unified School District**, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Gordon Piffero
Superintendent, Big Sur Unified School District
Principal, Pacific Valley School
Pacific Valley School

October 6, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of ***McCloud Union School District***, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Shelley Cain
McCloud Elementary Principal/Superintendent

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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of Gonzales Unified School District I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Modena
Superintendent

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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of ***Willow Creek Elementary School***, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,



Ron Ferrando
Superintendent/Principal

October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of Maxwell Unified School District, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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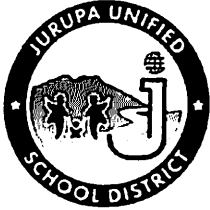
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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,



Zach Thurman
Superintendent/Principal
Maxwell Unified School District



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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of Jurupa Unified School District, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Trenton Hansen
Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Development
Jurupa Unified School District

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October 10, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of ***Oak Park Unified School District*** I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

Julie Suarez
Oak Park USD/Director Business Operations

October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

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Sincerely,



Elana Levens-Craig
Vice-President, Santee School District Board of Education

October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

On behalf of *myself, Jerry Bowman, President of the Menifee Union School District Board of Trustees*, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Bowman
President, Menifee USD Board of Trustees

October 9, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

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Sincerely,



Paige Stauss
Board President, Roseville Joint Union High School District

October 8, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

As a member of the Atascadero Unified School District Board of Trustees, I am writing to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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For these reasons, I strongly support a one-year extension of the encumbrance date, so that LEAs have the necessary time to collect and analyze the necessary local data, and that EEPs may be prepared and submitted with a full understanding of available funds.

Sincerely,

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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Andrew McAllister
Commissioner, California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

I am write, as an individual to express strong support for a one-year extension of the Proposition 39 K-12 Program encumbrance deadline, from **June 30, 2018** to **June 30, 2019**, which would also allow for a one-year extension of the deadline for LEAs to submit energy expenditure plans (EEPs).

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