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Good afternoon Bruce,

On Monday, June 27, 2016, the Governor signed SB 826, the 2016-17 Budget Act, and a number of trailer bills to implement policy changes in the budget. For the first time since the 1980s, the Governor did not exercise his line-item veto authority to reduce or eliminate any of the budget appropriations passed by the Legislature.

The budget includes \$122.5 billion in General Fund expenditures. It prioritizes preparing for the next economic downturn, one of the Governor's top priorities, by placing an extra \$2 billion into the state's Rainy Day Fund, bringing the total fund balance to \$6.7 billion. The budget also addresses one of the Legislature's top priorities by including \$400 million for affordable housing, tied to future regulatory reform, and authorizing development of a \$2 billion bond program to address homelessness for individuals with mental health needs. Details of this program are still being negotiated.

DSA Review Threshold

The Governor signed SB 836, the general government trailer bill, which includes a change to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) project review threshold. The bill increases the minimum project cost threshold for DSA review as follows:

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- Structural projects - from \$42,218 to \$100,00
- Non-structural projects - from \$168,187 to \$225,000.

Other Facilities Items

There were no significant changes on the school facilities items as previously reported:

- Proposition 39- Provides \$49.3 million in Proposition 39 energy efficiency funding for community colleges.
- Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment - Provides \$184.6 million in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for deferred maintenance, instructional equipment, and specified water conservation projects.
- Mandates Backlog Payments - Provides \$105.5 million in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund dollars for outstanding mandate debt. These resources provide districts with discretionary one-time funding for local priorities.
- Online Education Initiative - Provides \$20 million in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund dollars to expedite and enhance the adaptation and development of online courses that will be available through the online course exchange. This is intended to expand student access to online courses that can be counted toward their degrees.
- Technology Infrastructure- Provides \$15 million Proposition 98 General Fund to address system-wide data security efforts and expand broadband capacity across community colleges to ensure appropriate internet access is available for students, faculty, and community college administrators. This is intended to ensure

successful implementation of the online education initiative effort.

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