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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

### **INFORMATION ON 2014–15 STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

This letter is to inform you of decisions made at the March 2015 State Board of Education (SBE) meeting regarding the Academic Performance Index (API) and the letter from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) pertaining to this year's federal accountability reporting requirements.

California *Education Code* Section 52052 (as amended by Assembly Bill 484, Chapter 489, Statutes of 2013), the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), with the approval of the SBE, is authorized to suspend the API for the 2013 –14 and 2014–15 school years. At the March 2015 SBE meeting, the SBE approved the recommendation by the SSPI, with the input of

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/documents/infoguide14.pdf>.

In addition, the SBE and the CDE have been working on the development of a new state accountability system that compliments the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) state priorities and will focus on a broader set of outcomes than in the past. Given that the transition to the new state accountability system will be a long-term process, the earliest the CDE will be able to produce a new state accountability report is in the fall of 2016. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward in the development of the new state accountability system.

### **2015 Federal Accountability Reporting Requirements**

At the January 2015 SBE meeting, the CDE brought forth seven recommended changes to

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recommendations, please refer to Item 2 on the SBE January 2015 Meeting Agenda Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr15/agenda201501.asp>.

In a February 25, 2015 letter sent to all states, the ED invited states to apply for a waiver that would allow Program Improvement (PI) schools to maintain their current PI status for the 2015–16 school year, under certain conditions. At the March 2015 SBE meeting, the