



STATE SUPERINTENDENT TONY THURMOND

# 2019 PRIORITY INITIATIVES



## STATEWIDE LITERACY

**WHY:** We want to improve reading levels throughout the state.

Provide books to students, training to teachers, and

**HOW:** resources to families to reinforce the importance of reading.



## REDUCING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

**WHY:** Students in grades K-3 miss more than 10 % of school; districts lose integral revenue from loss of ADA.

**HOW:** Expand the number of staff dedicated to outreach to help students get back to school.

## LIFTING COMMUNITIES UP BY ENGAGING THEM IN THE PROCESS



## CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

**WHY:** Students of color historically score lower than their white peers in California classrooms.

**HOW:** Expand CDE capacity to lead state level equity work to build pipeline of male teachers of color in elementary schools.



## JOBS FOR TOMORROW

**WHY:** We want all students to have equal access to STEAM and Computer Science programs.

**HOW:** Increase CDE capacity to lead state STEAM efforts to increase number of districts that offer courses and internships.



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## FOCUS ON THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Assessing and building organizational capacity.

Supporting our LEAs to address strikes.

Strengthening relationships with the Governor and Legislature to increase funding for K-12 programs.

Leading the Governor's task force on charter school reform.

Working with LEAs to create new ways to provide teacher and educator housing, which helps with teacher recruitment and retention.



## TRANSITION TEAM WORK GROUPS

Launching transition work groups to invigorate efforts to address major issues in education and to engage new stakeholders and partners.

- 1 CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
- 2 TEACHER SHORTAGE
- 3 IMPROVING LITERACY
- 4 IMPROVING SPECIAL EDUCATION
- 5 INCREASING K-12 FUNDING
- 6 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY
- 7 EARLY EDUCATION
- 8 JOBS OF TOMORROW
- 9 DUAL LANGUAGE
- 10 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 11 IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION
- 12 ADDRESSING PENSION OBLIGATIONS
- 13 STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY