



JOHN CHIANG
California State Controller

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After the passage of Proposition 30, the *Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012*, schools and community college campuses across California have begun receiving funds through a new Education Protection Account (EPA) that was established by the voter initiative.

As you know, voters were assured that these funds would be spent wisely to help stabilize school budgets and restore educational opportunities that were decimated by revenue shortfalls wrought by the Great Recession. Toward this end, the initiative promised voters that EPA funds cannot be used for administration, and plans to spend these dollars must be approved by a district's governing board in a public hearing. Additionally, Proposition 30 requires any district receiving EPA funds to post how it spends those monies on its website.

In order to demonstrate whether local education agencies are making good on those promises, my office will be launching a centralized website offering the public a transparent view of how schools are complying with spending and accountability requirements, as well as the flow and use of these education dollars. The website will also provide other metrics gauging how Proposition 30 funds are impacting the fiscal health of our schools.

To help make this site the best resource possible, I am asking local education agencies to provide my office with the following:

1. The name of the agency's financial officer, along with his or her title and contact information, for correspondence from the State Controller's Office.
2. A **direct link** to its webpage containing the spending plan for its received EPA funds and its posting of expenditures.

All information can be submitted directly to TrackProp30@sco.ca.gov.

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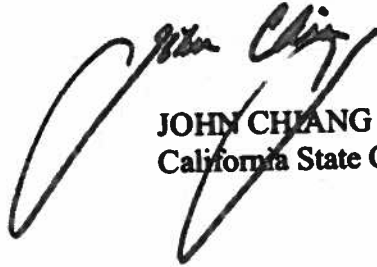
In order to make sure we reach everyone, we are also asking that County Offices of Education forward this communication to any responsible financial officers at school districts or other education institutions within their jurisdiction.

We will need responses from all local education agencies by no later than **November 4, 2013**, as the new website is expected go online early next year. To ensure full participation, my office will follow-up with education agencies that do not respond by the deadline.

In the meantime, please view the Proposition 30 (EPA) spending plan developed by the San Ysidro School district. My office believes this is an excellent example of making the projected use of these funds – by category – readily accessible to the public.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation. With your support, we can offer the public an important resource that charts the use of state tax dollars. If you have any questions, please call 916-322-5698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Chiang", is written over a large, stylized, looped signature graphic.

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