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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

MODEL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2017-18

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2017-18 Model School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Recognition Program, which is sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE) in cooperation with the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (CASCWA).

This program identifies and recognizes results-based school attendance improvement programs at the district or county level. Outstanding and innovative programs chosen for the award will serve as models for other SARBs in the state that are reducing chronic absenteeism rates.

There are nine content areas. Applicants will complete the **five required** content areas and **choose a sixth from among the four optional** content areas. This approach is designed to streamline the application process and to allow local SARBs to highlight an area of particular strength in their program.

The CDE encourages SARBs that meet the eligibility criteria in the **required** content areas to submit an application to the Model SARB Recognition Program. Applications are due on **February 16, 2018**. The application is available on the CDE SARB Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/sb>.

Model SARB Recognition Program award recipients will be recognized at the annual state conference of the CASCWA, which is scheduled for May 2018, in Fresno, California.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact David Kopperud, Education Programs Consultant in the Educational Options, Student Support, and American Indian Education Office, by phone at 916-323-1028 or by e-mail at dkopperud@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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