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October 14, 2014

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor, State of California
The Honorable Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Michael Kirst, President, State Board of Equalization
Early Education and Support Division
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for California's Application for Federal Preschool Expansion Grant Funds

Dear Governor Brown, Superintendent Torlakson and Board President Kirst:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express support for the Federal Preschool Expansion Grant Funds that will augment and strengthen California's already collaborative approach to addressing local educational needs.

This grant will help the California Department of Education partner with First 5 California to develop and expand programs that will increase access and improve outcomes for children and families with special disabilities. Expansion grant funds will help align resources through a comprehensive network of state services and technical assistance. And, these funds will assure that California preschools get the money needed for high-quality programs without competing for state budget funds.

El Dorado County agrees with your commitment and emphasis on early education as reflected in the state's recent budget approval of \$250 million for California's children, 22% of whom live in poverty.

Thank you for striving to improve the conditions of our precious population by investing proactively in their early education.

Sincerely,

Norma Santiago, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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