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**INFORMATIVE**

**DATE:** April 14, 2008

**TO:** Members, Board of Education  
David L. Brewer III, Superintendent of Schools

**FROM:** Santiago Jackson

**SUBJECT:** AB 2933—CATEGORICAL BLOCK GRANTS—POTENTIAL CUTS OF  
TARGETED INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (T.I.I.G.)

We just received the amendments for AB 2933 that propose to combine the Targeted Instruction Improvement Grant (T.I.I.G.) funds with Economic Impact Aid. This measure represents the work of the staffs of the Assembly Education and Budget Committees to block grant categorical programs to allow more flexibility to school districts. We are objecting to this combination because of the potential to remove funding connections to the desegregation programs and services to English Learners and low income students.

To expedite this update, I am simply attaching the letter that is going to our delegation. AB 2933 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Education committee this Wednesday, April 16.

Attachment

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**STATE BUDGET ALERT – URGENT**

**ASSEMBLY 2933 (Committee on Education), As Amended April 8, 2008**  
**FLEXIBILITY/CATEGORICAL BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL—**  
**LOSS OF TARGETED INSTRUCTIONAL**  
**IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (T.I.I.G.)**

To Members of the Los Angeles Unified School District State Legislative Delegation:

We have become aware of a budget proposal that may be gaining bi-partisan support on possibly eliminating, severely restricting, or reducing our District's Targeted Instructional Improvement Grant (T.I.I.G.) funds. Presently the District receives \$575 million in T.I.I.G. funding.

T.I.I.G. is the present designation for the former desegregation funds earmarked to counteract the harms of racial isolation. In the Los Angeles school district T.I.I.G. funding supports the following programs:

- Magnet schools
- Student transportation to relieve overcrowding
- Class size reduction in minority schools
- Preschool school readiness for low income and English learner students
- Student transportation to promote integration at magnet and receiver schools.

We understand the proposal would place T.I.I.G. funds into the Opportunity to Learn Categorical Block Grant, and include Economic Impact Grant within this same grant. The two programs are highly important in themselves, and are aimed at serving two different and distinct purposes. The T.I.I.G. purposes are noted above, and Economic Impact Aid serves low income and English Learner students.

The language of any such budget proposal needs to be modified to protect the Los Angeles District's T.I.I.G. programs. At this point, we are respectfully asking you to reject and oppose budget proposals that endanger T.I.I.G. funding for the Los Angeles school district.