

April 19, 2022

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell Chair, Assembly Education Committee 1021 O St., Room 1100 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2933 (O'Donnell)

Position: Support

Set for hearing: April 27, 2022

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

The California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) represents over 24,000 school business officials in public education leading operational, fiscal, and budget offices in local education agencies (LEAs) across the state. Our members are charged with ensuring LEAs are fiscally solvent and operating to provide services, materials, equipment and facilities to support the education of California's 5.9 million students.

CASBO has reviewed your AB 2933 and has taken a SUPPORT position. This important measure will increase funding for California's home-to-school transportation (HTST) program. CASBO has been active in prior legislative and budget efforts to ensure that school transportation is funded adequately, working closely with numerous education stakeholders. CASBO believes that access to quality education begins with the ability of pupils to attend school and provides a critical component of equitable access, particularly for high-needs students without alternate modes of transportation. We applaud your efforts to bring attention to the need for additional funding for HTST.

CASBO thanks you for your leadership in championing this effort. Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Esquivel at eesquivel@casbo.org.

Sincerely,

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