



March 30, 2026

The Honorable Sasha Renee Perez, Chair
Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street, Room 2100
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1082 (Niello) Pupil attendance: interdistrict transfers: agreements: policies – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Perez and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

The California Catholic Conference (CCC) is pleased to express its support for **SB 1082**, as amended on 3/19/26, which strengthens and streamlines interdistrict attendance agreements to better serve students and families across California.

The CCC affirms and prioritizes the right and responsibility of all parents and guardians to choose the best learning environment for their child. Policies that expand access and reduce barriers to educational options are essential to ensuring that every student can thrive. SB 1082 builds on existing law by improving transparency, establishing clear timelines, and simplifying the transfer process for families seeking the best academic setting for their children.

Specifically, the bill's provisions requiring districts to adopt and publicly post policies, establish a 30-day decision timeline, and allow parents to submit transfer requests to both districts simultaneously will help create a more accessible and responsive system. These improvements help families navigate educational opportunities and reduce unnecessary delays that can hinder student success.

The California Catholic Conference has long supported legislation that expands educational access and parental choice, recognizing that families are best positioned to determine the environment in which their children will flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. SB 1082 reflects these values by empowering families with greater clarity, flexibility, and opportunity.

For these reasons, as the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in California, we urge you to vote "AYE" on SB 1082. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Samara Palko, Director of Education, at 916-477-0631 or spalko@cacatholic.org.

Sincerely yours,

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