



March 30, 2026

The Honorable Darshana Patel, Chair
Assembly Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 126
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2468 (Patel) School accountability: pupils with disabilities: inclusion - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Patel and Members of the Assembly Education Committee,

The California Catholic Conference is pleased to express its support for **AB 2468**, as introduced on 2/20/26, which expands the Supporting Innovative Practices Project to improve outcomes and access for students with disabilities across California.

The bishops of California affirm that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, endowed with inherent dignity and unique gifts. This includes students with diverse learning needs, whose full inclusion and flourishing must remain a priority in our educational systems. AB 2468 reflects this commitment by strengthening statewide capacity to support students with disabilities and increasing their access to learning within general education settings.

By building on existing statewide systems of support and investing in technical assistance, educator development, and evidence-based practices, this bill takes meaningful steps to ensure that students with disabilities are not only included but are also given the opportunity to thrive academically and pursue a path toward graduation. Expanding access to general education environments fosters a sense of belonging, promotes peer engagement, and better prepares all students for life beyond the classroom.

Catholic teaching calls us to uphold the dignity of each individual and to ensure that our systems reflect a commitment to the common good and solidarity, particularly for those who may face additional challenges. AB 2468 aligns with these principles by promoting inclusive practices that recognize and support the varied ways students learn and succeed.

For these reasons, as the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in California, we urge you to vote "AYE" on AB 2468. 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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