



March 30, 2016

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
Chair, Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance
Assembly Committee on Budget
State Capitol, 2160
Sacramento, CA 95814

2016-17 January State Budget Proposal – Proposition 39

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

On behalf of the School Energy Coalition (SEC), an organization made up of K-12 schools, community colleges, school construction and energy consultants focused on energy efficiency and renewable generation projects for California's students, I am writing to strongly support the California Clean Energy Jobs Act Fund - Proposition 39 budget item with its continued focus on energy efficiency projects for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Community Colleges.

Schools have been struggling under consecutive years of budget cuts to maintain their academic programs, keep teachers, and provide students with safe and clean places to learn. Energy efficiency and renewable energy projects allow LEAs to lower budgetary bottom lines while assisting in the goal of lowering greenhouse gas emissions and easing pressure on the electricity grid.

It is exciting to see a significant number of LEAs now actively moving forward to obtain approval of their Energy Expenditure Plans (EEP) from the California Energy Commission (CEC). SEC is able to provide examples of many of these projects now in progress.

SEC's mission includes informing California LEAs on the Proposition 39 program requirements and to provide educational forums on energy issues, networking with their colleagues and technical assistance so that successful projects move forward under this program. To the extent that additional funding may be available to provide technical, educational and program information and assistance to schools, we stand ready to assist the Administration in that endeavor.

Finally, because Proposition 39 requires baseline measurements of energy use and analysis of this information for future district energy projects and efficiencies, we would encourage your administration to look at ways to continue the program and use this funding source for school projects beyond the program's five year duration.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me for more details regarding the information contained in this letter (aferrera@m-w-h.com or 916.441.3300).

Sincerely,

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cc: Katie Hardeman, Subcommittee #2 on Education Finance
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