



March 28, 2006

Honorable Leland Yee
Assemblymember, 12th Assembly Member
Room 3173, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Yee:

On behalf of the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Bill 2003. We thank you for your leadership on this issue and thank you for your past and current support for pupil support services in California's schools.

For many years CASP has supported collaborative efforts by families, schools and communities to work together to ensure student success. School psychologists and other pupil support personnel play an important role, working with parents and teachers to provide the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual support necessary for all students to have the opportunity to succeed in the school setting. We are very supportive of the concept of a comprehensive, multifaceted, and cohesive learning support system integrated in a seamless fashion with the school's instructional program.

We applaud you for bringing this bill forward and recognize that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to bring this concept to reality. We would like to work with you and be a part of amendments and discussions as you move the bill forward.

Thank you again for your authorship on AB 2003.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James E. Russell'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'R'.

Jim Russell
Chairperson, CASP Legislative Committee

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