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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

I am proud to partner with the ALL IN For Health Campaign, a project of The Children's Partnership and schools like yours, to encourage and help families enroll their children in health care coverage.

I would like to share a new and exciting opportunity for the increased well-being of children across California. Last year, California passed legislation that allows all low-income undocumented children and youth under nineteen years of age to enroll in full-scope Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal coverage will provide previously ineligible undocumented children access to the full array of health care services they need to stay healthy and ready to learn.

The expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal to undocumented children begins on May 16, 2016. Families should apply for restricted-scope Medi-Cal for their children as soon as possible. Children who are enrolled in restricted-scope Medi-Cal (also known as emergency Medi-Cal) will be automatically enrolled into full-scope Medi-Cal when the expansion begins on May 16, 2016.

I hope you and your school are ALL IN and will join me by sharing this information about Medi-Cal expansion and by connecting with families with undocumented children to help them enroll in coverage. To find resources and more tools to spread the word, please visit the ALL IN For Health Web site at www.allinforhealth.org or call 916-844-2413.

Here are a couple of suggestions to get started:

1. Place a robocall informing families about the Medi-Cal expansion. Click [Robocall Script](#), which is available on the ALL IN For Health Campaign Web page at http://www.allinforhealth.org/spring_2016.
2. Distribute the ABCs of Health Coverage for ALL Kids flyer to parents and families. Click [Health4All Kids Flyer](#) for the flyer, which is also available on the ALL IN For Health Campaign Web page.

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If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Nancy Zarenda, Education Policy Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office, by phone at 916-445-8441 or by e-mail at nzarenda@cde.ca.gov.

Let's work together to enrich the lives and secure the health of California's children.

Sincerely,



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