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District Advisory and Financial Services
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TO: School District Administrators, Business Managers

FROM: Karen Deller, Director
District Advisory and Financial Services

DATE: January 11, 2012

RE: **Annual Adjustment of the Liability Limit of Guardian for Willful Pupil Misconduct**

In accordance with California *Education Code* Section 48904(a)(1), the Superintendent of Public Instruction has adjusted the liability limit for all damages caused by the willful misconduct of the minor that results in the injury or death of any pupil, school district or private school employee, or school volunteer. The parent or guardian is also liable for damages to real or personal property belonging to the school district or private school, or personal property belonging to a school employee, resulting from the willful misconduct of the minor. The liability of the parent or guardian shall not exceed \$10,000, annually adjusted for inflation per *EC* Section 48904(a)(2).

The parent or guardian of a minor is also liable for any reward offered by a local agency pursuant to *Government Code* Section 53069.5 for information leading to the identification and apprehension of the minor who willfully damages or destroys property, or whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person.

The liability limit will be raised by 2.81% to \$17,593 effective January 1, 2012.

Please note: The formal notice from the California Department of Education Superintendent of Public Instruction (with links to the *Government Code* and *EC* sections cited) has been posted to the Office of Financial Accountability and Information Services Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/co>.

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