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State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Issues Statement on Signing of California High School Exit Exam Bill

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson issued the following statement today on SB 172 (Sen. Carol Liu, D-La Cañada Flintridge) being signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown:

"I applaud the governor for signing SB 172, legislation that I sponsored and worked on with author Senator Carol Liu. The high school exit exam is outdated and does not reflect California's new, more rigorous academic standards that emphasize skills needed to succeed in college and careers in the 21st century.

"I look forward to convening a task force of teachers, parents, students, and education leaders to find a more thoughtful approach to high school graduation requirements that better suits California's modern education system and higher academic standards, and that supports our ongoing statewide efforts to achieve college and career readiness for all students."

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