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Statement on Governor Newsom's School Reopening Guidance from CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (July 17, 2020) – "Gov. Newsom has heeded the call for additional guidance on the issue of reopening schools, and continues to prioritize the health and safety of communities. By following the lead of many school districts that opted to begin the new school year with distance learning, the Governor has provided needed clarity on when schools might resume on-campus instruction and when they should close schools because of the virus. He has also clarified the state's expectations around social distancing and protective equipment. And while we think the Governor's new guidance may provide more clarity for local educational agencies, it also establishes a number of new criteria that may generate additional implementation questions and concerns. For example, the expectation of regular screening of school staff will greatly depend upon the availability of testing in a given community. We hope that in the coming days, the Administration will work with statewide education management organizations to further address these issues."

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