



SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Jean Holbrook, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools

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Honorable Anna Eshoo
14th Congressional District
District Office
698 Emerson Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

I write on behalf of the San Mateo County Office of Education to thank you for elevating local agencies for relief through the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. Our limited taxpayer funds have fallen victim to the failures of our nation's financial markets. These funds are critical to provide services to the twenty-three school districts and 165 schools we support in this County.

The demise of the oldest investment bank on Wall Street, the now bankrupt Lehman Brothers, has left many on California's Main Street holding troubled assets. The loss of these funds will result in further diminution of the support our Office provides to underperforming schools, of professional development to improve the quality of and retain the teacher workforce and of the services that address the achievement gap for our students.

The San Mateo County Office of Education supports your vigilant efforts to ensure this solvable and urgent problem is remedied with the purchase or insurance of these troubled assets, consistent with both the purpose and intent of Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP). Please let me know what I can do to help you be successful in this effort.

Sincerely,

Jean Holbrook, Ed.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

c: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congresswoman Jackie Speier