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April 24, 2018

The Honorable Patrick O'Connell, Chair
Assembly Education Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2756 (Medina): Private schools: home schools: filing
As amended 4/02/18 – SUPPORT
Per Board Action
Set for hearing April 25, 2018 – Assembly Education Committee**

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to support Assembly Bill 2756, Assembly Member Jose Medina's measure that seeks to ensure that information about private homeschools is collected by the California Department of Education (CDE) and made available to the public. This modest transparency measure is an important step toward a shared understanding of the state's private education landscape.

Regrettably, our awareness of this issue was heightened by the recent tragic situation in Perris. Existing requirements for private school reporting are institution-focused and fail to adequately capture the variety of types of private school settings. As a result, CDE has no information collected that indicates the nature of the school setting. Ensuring appropriate transparency about basic information about private homeschools is critical to public health and safety.

We appreciate that these are sensitive issues but believe that AB 2756 is a modest and reasonable first step towards improved transparency for private homeschools. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Brian Nestande, Deputy County Executive Officer, at bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Education Committee
The Honorable Jose Medina, California State Assembly
Riverside County Legislative Delegation