



CHILDREN LEARNING, PARENTS EARNING 1540 River Park Drive, Suite 209, Sacramento, CA 95815 Phone: (916) 567-6797 FAX: (916) 567-6790

May 5, 2013

**CAPPA Board of Directors**

The Honorable Shirley Weber  
Capitol Office  
Room 5158  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0014

Email: [Crystal.Quezada@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Crystal.Quezada@asm.ca.gov)

Richard Rushton, President  
Rose Padilla-Johnson, Vice President  
Karen Marlatt, Secretary/Treasurer  
Trudy Adair-Verbais  
Linda Roseburr, Ed. D.  
Beth Chiaro  
Debbie Macdonald  
Tina Barna  
Martin Castro  
Carol Thompson  
Teri Sedrick

**RE: SUPPORT of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 45**

Dear Assemblymember Weber,

On behalf of the California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA) and the membership of public and private community based direct payers of early care and education child care subsidies for CalWORKS and working families, we are wholeheartedly support your ACR 45 to restore budget funding to early care and education programs.

Alternative Payment Programs (APPs) have been serving each of California's 58 counties since 1978. Each APP is uniquely positioned to meet the cultural, linguistic and diversity needs of fragile populations needing early care and education for children from birth on while parents move towards self sufficiency. The safety net of support and information our agencies provide to working families ensures that parental choice determines the provider of early care and education that best supports the needs of the family. Our collective goal is to strike a balance where both the educational needs of our earliest learners are met immediately as well as contribute to longer term educational attainments; **and** that the self-sufficiency of parents to support their families is realized.

As ACR 45 points out, vesting in early care and education has both immediate and long term positive outcomes to a child, economic stability for families and communities, and to our competitiveness in a global economy. Under leadership such as yours, we can come together to restore the over 110,000 child care slots eliminated and devastating cuts of over \$1 billion to early care and education programs supporting children from birth on suffered since 2008. Your legislation coupled with President Barack Obama's proposal for making high-quality preschool "available to every single child in America" clearly lays a path for vesting in our future and to restoring California's greatness in how it values its children.

For the reasons noted above, CAPPA wholeheartedly supports ACR 45. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denyne M. Micheletti".

**Denyne M. Micheletti**  
Executive Director

