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TO: Schools Legal Service Clients

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DATE: July 13, 2026

RE: UPDATED Annual Notice to Parents/Guardians (2026-27)

This memo supplements our prior correspondence regarding the 2026-2027 Annual Notice to Parents and provides additional guidance on the following items.

Additionally, enclosed please find a Spanish translation of the Annual Notice to Parents. Pursuant to Education Code section 48985, districts where 15 percent or more of pupils speak Spanish as their primary language are required to provide all notices, reports, and statements to parents in Spanish in addition to English. Please distribute the Spanish translation accordingly if this requirement applies to your district.

SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS — REQUIRED ATTACHMENT

EC §48986 provides that districts that use the CDE model language are deemed to be in compliance with the safe storage notification requirements and are afforded civil immunity protection for providing the notice. We strongly encourage all districts to use the enclosed CDE model language without modification to preserve this civil immunity protection.

Enclosed with this memo, please find the Safe Storage of Firearms Notice containing the most current CDE model language as required by EC §49391. When distributing the Annual Notice to Parents to your families, please ensure that this notice is included as an attachment along with all other required enclosures, including your district's Sexual Harassment Policy and school calendar.

The Annual Notice to Parents has also been updated to include a brief reference to California's safe storage of firearms laws directing parents to the enclosed attachment for full details.

CORRECTION — TRANSPOSED SECTION NUMBER

Please note that the prior Annual Notice from our office incorrectly referenced Education Code section 48980 as EC §49800. This was a typographical error — the digits were transposed. The correct citation is EC §48980. All references in the enclosed materials reflect the correct citation.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the Safe Storage of Firearms notice, any of the corrections noted above, or any other component of the Annual Notice to Parents, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are always here to help and wish you and your district a wonderful start to the 2026-2027 school year!

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Attachments