

## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 29, 2004  
**TO:** MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent  
Assessment and Accountability  
**SUBJECT:** California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Program Update

Students are required to pass the CAHSEE as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school, beginning in the 2005-2006 school year. Students in the Class of 2006 will take the CAHSEE for the first time as tenth graders on either February 3-4, 2004, or March 16-17, 2004. Approximately 220 school districts will administer the test in February, and approximately 450 school districts will administer the test in March. Approximately 175,000 test booklets were ordered for each subject for the February administration and approximately 335,000 test booklets have been ordered for the March administration.

Grade ten students who were absent during the February or March Census administrations will have an opportunity to take the CAHSEE on May 11-12, 2004.

*The Independent Evaluation of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE): Second Biennial Report* to the California Legislature is due in February 2004. The report will soon be distributed to the State Board of Education members as well as the California Legislature.