

## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 29, 2004

**TO:** MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM:** Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent  
Assessment and Accountability Branch

**SUBJECT:** Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program: Approval of 2004 District Apportionment Amounts

Districts receive an apportionment for completing answer documents and testing students in grades two through eleven for the STAR Program. The *California Education Code* requires that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the apportionment amounts each year. We will be asking SBE to act on this item at the March meeting. Following SBE approval, CDE will submit a letter to the Department of Finance requesting approval of the proposed 2004 district apportionment amounts.

The apportionment amounts presented for 2004 are unchanged from last year for the Content Standards Tests (CST) and California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition (CAT/6) Survey. The Spanish Assessment of Basic Edition, Second Edition (SABE/2) apportionment for grades 2 and 3 is being decreased by \$ 0.24 to reflect changes in the pre-ID costs for SABE/2. Including a California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA) apportionment in the STAR Program is new and reflects the addition of this assessment to the Program. The current budget includes funds to pay these apportionments.

The amounts recommended for the 2004 STAR district apportionments are:

- \$ 0.32 for completing demographic information for students not tested with the CSTs and the CAT/6 Survey
- \$ 2.52 for completing demographic information and administering the CSTs and CAT/6 Survey
- \$ 2.44 for administering the SABE/2
- \$ 5.00 for administering the CAPA