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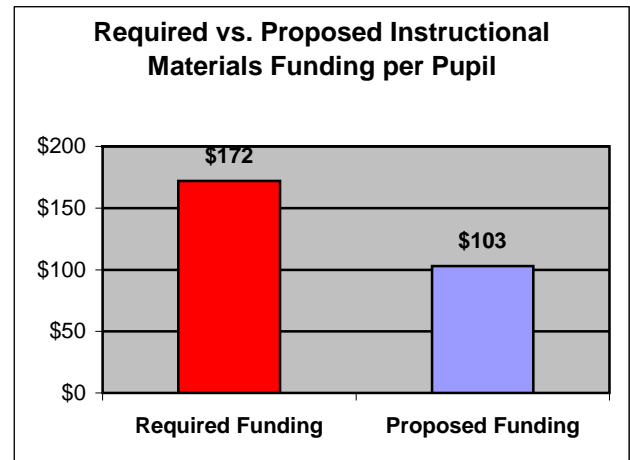
Support Governor’s Budget Proposal for Instructional Materials

The Governor’s Budget proposed 2007-08 budget is a big step in the right direction:

Instructional Materials Funding <i>(amounts in millions, unless noted)</i>		
	2006-07	2007-08 Proposed
Instructional Materials Block Grant	\$403.5	\$418.2
Proposition 20 Lottery <i>(estimated)</i>	\$190.0	\$190.0
Total	\$593.5	\$608.2
<i>Per pupil</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>\$103</i>

Source: Department of Finance and Office of Legislative Analyst

- By including \$608.2 million, the budget recognizes the fact that instructional materials are uniquely essential. Teachers and parents can compensate for other problems in public education if every student has access to up-to-date instructional materials for every student.
- Unmet Need in Instructional Materials Funding. The CA Department of Education estimates that \$1.075 billion (\$172 per pupil) is needed to provide each student with a core set of instructional materials in the areas of reading, math, science and social studies. This years proposed funding level addresses a substantial portion of that unmet need.
- Williams Standard. The settlement in the Williams case (a.k.a. ACLU/MALDEF lawsuit) cites that there are inadequate instructional materials in schools, particularly in communities with disadvantaged students. This budget goes a long way in helping students meet the Williams standard.



Support Reauthorization of Instructional Materials Realignment Program

- Sunset Date. The instructional materials program sunsets on June 30, 2007. AAP supports all legislative efforts to extend or eliminate the sunset date for instructional materials.
 - Ensures categorical funding stream for adopted standard aligned instructional materials.
 - Ensures that funding for instructional materials is allocated on an equal per enrollment basis
 - Ensures students receive an up to date set of instructional materials in the core areas of reading, math, social studies and science within 24 months of the adoption date
 - The bills proposed include:

Number (author)	Sponsor	Provisions
AB 1148 (Brownley)	author	1) Extends sunset of IMRP through July 1, 2012. 2) Legislative intent to provide as many options as possible in adoption
AB 1599 (Mendoza)	AAP	1) Repeals sunset of IMRP 2) authorizes funding for student support

		materials (a.k.a. supplemental materials) subject to availability of funds in annual budget act
SB 733 (Torlakson)	CA Department of Education	Extends sunset of IMRP through July 1, 2015

- Student Support Materials. AB 1599 (Mendoza) also provides a funding mechanism for student support materials, subject to funding in the annual budget act. There are many students (e.g. English Learners, special education, gifted) who require additional instruction to fully meet the standards. This bill provides an opportunity to support those needy students.