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# NEWS RELEASE

## **John McGinnis and Chris Steinhauser Addressed the State Board of Education in Support of the LCAP Template and Regulations**

**Sacramento, CA, January 16, 2014:** John McGinnis, president of the Long Beach Unified School Board, and Chris Steinhauser, superintendent, addressed the State Board of Education today in support of the proposed template and emergency regulations for the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) that school districts must adopt this year.

McGinnis and Steinhauser, joined by John Deasy, superintendent of Los Angeles USD and Mike Hanson, superintendent of Fresno USD, led a long list of education leaders from across California speaking in support. Governor Jerry Brown also made a rare appearance before the State Board to speak in support the template and regulations.

In his remarks McGinnis said, "Our district, the third largest in California, supports the LCAP template and regulations because they ensure strict accountability while allowing local control." He closed his remarks by stating, "Long Beach has earned international recognition for closing achievement gaps, but we have more work to do. We must accelerate gains in achievement for all students if California is to remain competitive. The template and regulations provide a path to success. We strongly support approval."

McGinnis, who is running for re-election, was first elected to the Long Beach Board of Education in a special election on December 29, 2009, to finish the last six months of his predecessor's term. He began his first full term in July 2010. On July 15, 2013, he was selected by his colleagues to serve as President of the Board of Education.

McGinnis is endorsed by all his fellow Board members, Superintendent Steinhauser, Mayor Bob Foster, Vice Mayor Robert Garcia, former mayors Dr. Beverly O'Neill and Dr. Thomas Clark, Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

During his first term he served on the Board's Instruction Committee, Business Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee and as the District's delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA). He worked on CSBA's Delegate Assembly, Linked Learning Task Force and its Annual Education Conference Committee.