Dear County and District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, Higher Education Administrators, and Business and Industry Representatives:

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY INSTITUTE

The California Department of Education, in collaboration with the California Community College Chancellor's Office, the California Workforce Investment Board, and the Pathways to Prosperity Network, will be hosting the *Pathways to Prosperity Institute (Institute)* in Sacramento, Clovis, and Los Angeles in December. The *Institute* will share strategies on how education and industry can work together to create high-quality career pathway programs aligned with the local and regional needs of business and industry. County and District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, Higher Education Administrators, Business and Industry Representatives, and other agencies interested in applying for the California Career Pathway Trust are encouraged to attend. The Department requests that agencies send a team of no more than three representatives to the *Institute*. There are no costs for attendance. Agencies are responsible for their own travel and per diem expenses.

The *Institute* will cover the following topics:

- Developing sustainable collaborations between educational agencies and businesses;
- Creating regional career pathways aligned to local labor market needs;
- Integrating academic and career-based learning aligned to high-need, high-growth, and emerging regional economic sectors; and
- Establishing effective work-based learning programs between educational agencies and businesses.

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<td>December 17, 2013</td>
<td>1500 Capitol Avenue Auditorium Sacramento, CA 95814</td>
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<td>December 18, 2013</td>
<td>Clovis Veterans Memorial District Auditorium 808 4th Street Clovis, CA 93612</td>
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The Pathways to Prosperity Network is a collaboration between the Pathways to Prosperity Project at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, Jobs for the Future, and states focused on ensuring that many more young people complete high school, attain a postsecondary credential with currency in the labor market, and launch into a career while leaving open the prospect of further education. Presenters at the Institute will include Nancy Hoffman, Vice President and Senior Advisor at Jobs for the Future, and Robert Schwartz, Professor of Practice at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The program will consist of a general session in the morning and breakout sessions in the afternoon. Space will be limited and attendance will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, an R.S.V.P. is required to attend any of the locations listed above. Please R.S.V.P. to careerpathways@cde.ca.gov no later than December 10, 2013, with the following information:

- Name(s) and Title(s) of attendees
- Organization
- E-mail address
- Phone numbers
- Location choice

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Mindi Yates, Education Programs Consultant of the Career Technical Education Leadership and Instructional Support Office, by e-mail at careerpathways@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

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