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**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION CANDIDATE TONY THURMOND  
REPORTS OVER \$1 MILLION RAISED**

RICHMOND, CA – August 1, 2017 – Assemblymember Tony Thurmond today reported that he raised over \$1 million in campaign contributions, with nearly \$900,000 cash available, as of the June 30, 2017 campaign filing deadline. Thurmond announced his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in April.

“I am humbled and motivated by the support I have received so early in my campaign,” said Assemblymember Thurmond. “Californians are deeply concerned for the future of our education system, especially given the anti-public school agenda of President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. As a father of two daughters in public schools, I’m committed to funding and improving public education to ensure that all of California’s kids can succeed in a 21st century economy.”

Assemblymember Thurmond received \$1,095,493.00 in campaign contributions and had \$880,339.19 cash available for the first half of 2017. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be an open seat in the June 2018 primary when incumbent State Superintendent Tom Torlakson terms out.

Early endorsements for Thurmond for SPI include Senator Kamala D. Harris, Torlakson, the California Federation of Teachers, and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

The campaign finance report was filed yesterday with the office of the Secretary of State. More information about Thurmond’s campaign can be found at [tonythurmond.com](http://tonythurmond.com).

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