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STATE SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE TONY THURMOND REPORTS OVER \$1.4 MILLION RAISED

RICHMOND, CA – January 31, 2018 – Assemblymember Tony Thurmond today reported that he raised over \$1.4 million in campaign contributions, with over \$1.1 million cash available, at the year-end 2017 finance deadline. Thurmond announced his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in April.

Thurmond has earned major endorsements in his campaign, including Senator Kamala D. Harris, incumbent State Superintendent Tom Torlakson, Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, the California Teachers Association, the California Federation of Teachers, and the California Faculty Association. More of Thurmond's endorsements from across the state are available for viewing at www.tonythurmond.com/endorsements.

"Support continues to build for our campaign from parents, educators, and Californians who care deeply about public education and our state's ability to prepare our kids for the jobs of tomorrow," said Assemblymember Thurmond. "Between the broad-based enthusiasm that my campaign for public education is receiving and the package of education bills I'm preparing to introduce in the legislature this month, I'm feeling incredibly hopeful for California's kids. We know we have a lot of work to do, but everyday we are getting closer to a California where every student, no matter their background or their zip code, has the opportunity to succeed in a great public school."

Assemblymember Thurmond received \$1,437,422.73 in campaign contributions and had \$1,117,253.12 cash available for the year 2017. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be an open seat in the June 2018 primary when Torlakson terms out.

The campaign finance report was filed today with the office of the Secretary of State. More information about Thurmond's campaign can be found at <u>www.tonythurmond.com</u>.

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