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Bonilla Introduces Bill Prioritizing Innovation, Training and Common Core Implementation in CA Classrooms

SACRAMENTO – Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla has announced that she has introduced legislation to create an innovation, training, and technology grant that will help schools with their common core implementation.

“Last year, as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, I secured additional funding for Common Core implementation and technology investments to enable our schools to use computer adaptive assessments, and updated STEM based instructional models,” said Assemblywoman Bonilla. “I look forward to partnering with business leaders, school administrators, teachers, parents and students in building on this investment and expanding opportunities for these rewarding education programs.”

This legislation, AB 2319, will establish grants for California schools to implement common core, craft appropriate STEM curricula, provide for advanced professional development for teachers and staff, fund career technical education, and purchase advanced technology hardware and software essential to attain their innovation and training goals.

“With 7 out of 10 jobs today requiring proficiency in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, California must remain on the cutting edge of investment in our students, teachers and in-school technologies,” said Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO, Carl Guardino. “Assemblywoman Bonilla is to be applauded for advancing this important conversation with the introduction of AB 2319. As we learn every day in Silicon Valley, game-changing innovation starts with bold ideas, big dreams, and concrete plans to get it done.”

“It is critical that our schools be adequately resourced to provide globally competitive graduates prepared and inspired by career fields that employers need. With this funding for professional development, digital learning tools and high capacity broadband, educators will be better able to develop the STEM savvy, creative problem-solvers that will close the Skills Gap,” said Jim Wunderman, President & CEO, Bay Area Council.

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord) is Chair of the Select Committee on Increasing the Integration of STEM Education. She was elected in November 2010 and represents California’s 14th Assembly District, which includes Contra Costa County and Solano County.

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