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**Sacramento Sends Team to “Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Summit” Convened by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and Superintendent Tom Torlakson**

Juvenile Court Presiding Judge, School District Officials, Chief of Probation, CPS Director and Advocates to Study Latest Strategies for Keeping Students on Track for Graduation, Aims to Adapt Proven Approaches for Sacramento

Sacramento's Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court Stacy Boulware Eurie will lead a delegation of educators, Probation and CPS officials, and other community leaders to Anaheim to participate in a “Keeping Kids in School” Summit Meeting organized by California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

The meeting aims to spread promising approaches for keeping students on track for graduation and break the “school-to-prison pipeline.” Speakers include nationally renowned experts and representatives from cities and states making significant progress toward increasing graduation rates. Sacramento is one of 32 California counties sending teams to the summit.

Key areas of focus are expected to include:

- Understanding how exposure to violence affects the developing brain and how education, judicial, mental health, probation, child welfare and other community leaders can help children and youth recover from traumatic experiences;
- Reducing chronic absenteeism, through improved data tracking and early intervention;

- Supplementing traditional juvenile courts with peer-supported “Youth Courts” for first-time non-violent offenders; and
- Reforming school discipline policies with promising and proven interventions that provide alternatives to extreme suspension-first approaches.

“We’re excited to learn more about the latest proven and promising approaches to keeping kids in school and out of court. We’re confident that we can adapt some of those strategies for use in Sacramento — which over the long run will lead to reduced reliance on youth detention facilities and taxpayer spending on prisons and jails, higher graduation rates, a more productive workforce, and healthier and more successful families and communities,” said Judge Boulware Eurie.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye added, “When children are not in school or don’t graduate from high school, they are at greater risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The judicial system can’t wait until that happens—we need to recognize this looming problem and create the partnerships needed to return these children to their schools and to become productive members of society.”

The summit will be held at the Anaheim Marriott on December 3-4. Funding is provided by private foundations, with assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, State Dependency Court Improvement Grants. No California taxpayer funding will be used to support the meeting.