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Mr. Jim Wunderman
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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter about the McKinsey and Company report recommendations. I regret the delay in responding during this busy time, and I hope you know how much I appreciate your continued commitment to improving California's public education system and building a brighter future for our students.

I couldn't agree more: California needs to create a comprehensive educational data system that can help guide program decisions and improve student outcomes. Access to educational data allows parents to make informed decisions about where to send their children to school, influences the education policies elected officials pursue and helps teachers better understand and respond to the needs of their students. I remain committed to working with you and with all stakeholders to pursue these goals and to ensure that California's kids get the world-class education they deserve.

As with most good work, we still have much more to do, and the R.E.A.L. Coalition's continued support plays an important role in our efforts to serve and support California's students. Thanks again for taking the time to write and for your continued commitment to the golden state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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