

# News Release



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## **STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL DISBURSES MILLIONS IN FIRST-EVER INCENTIVES TO MORE THAN 12,000 TEACHERS AND OTHERS AS PART OF STATE PERFORMANCE REWARDS**

*Sacramento, October 16, 2001* – State Controller Kathleen Connell today released \$100 Million to 304 schools statewide for distribution of incentive bonuses to more than 12,000 teachers and other certificated staff in California’s most improved elementary, middle and high schools. This apportionment was made pursuant to the Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Act (CSPIA).

Under the CSPIA, employees possessing certification by the State Commission on Teacher Credentialing will be awarded \$5,000 to \$25,000 in bonuses at schools whose standardized test scores showed the greatest improvement in the State. Eligible schools are ranked by the extent to which the amount of Academic Performance Index improvement exceeds two times the schoolwide growth target. The largest gains will generate the largest awards. The top level \$25,000 awards will go to 1,056 individual certificated staff at most improved schools and bonuses of \$10,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to nearly 11,000 certificated employees.

A complete breakdown of the schools and further information can be obtained at the following Web Site address: <http://api.cde.ca.gov/>.

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