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TO: District Superintendents and Chief Business Officials  
**San Bernardino County School Districts**

Subject: **Assembly Bill 2449 (Chapter 146) – Governing Boards: Elections**

On July 20, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown approved Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Chapter 146 amending existing Sections 1007, 1009, 5017 and 72027 of the Education Code, by changing the terms of office of an elected board member of a school district, county office of education, and community college district governing board.

AB2449, which went into effect on January 1, 2019, will require newly elected members of a school district, county office of education, or community college district governing board to assume office on the second Friday in December, subsequent to their election. Additionally, Education Code section 35143 requires that annual organizational meetings be held within a 15-day period beginning with the date a governing board member takes office in election years and the same 15-day period in non-election years. Because of this nuance and with input from county counsel, districts should use the first Friday in December as the beginning of the 15-day period for 2019 and the second Friday in December as the beginning of the period starting in 2020.

This law does not prevent districts from holding regular board meetings prior to the second Friday in December to approve and certify the First Interim Financial Report, which must be done on or before December 15<sup>th</sup> each year. However, the governing board will not be able to organize at that meeting, which will require a second meeting in December for school districts. Please check the dates for future years to determine how the change to the second Friday in December will affect the scheduling of December board meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact your Business Services Advisor at (909) 386-9676.

Sincerely,

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