October 6, 2026

The Honorable Senator Angelique Ashby
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill 12 – Family Stability Services Program

Dear Senator Ashby:

The California Teachers Association (CTA) is pleased to support Senate Bill 12, which would establish the Family Stability Services Program within the Department of Social Services. SB-12 would help families living in affordable housing connect with childcare, preschool, after-school programs, financial assistance, and other family support services.

This bill would directly benefit students by helping them access consistent childcare and early learning opportunities before and after the school day. Reliable childcare can help students arrive at school prepared to learn, attend school more consistently, and have a safe and supportive place to go after school. Access to preschool can also help young children develop important academic and social skills before entering elementary school.

For teachers, students' ability to succeed in the classroom is closely connected to the stability and support they receive outside of school. When families have difficulty finding affordable child care or after-school care, students may experience disruptions that can affect their attendance, learning, and overall academic success. SB-12 would help address these challenges by connecting families with services within their communities.

CTA also supports the partnerships created through SB-12 between affordable housing projects, childcare providers, Child Care Resource and Referral programs, and community organizations. These partnerships can make it easier for families to find the resources they need without creating additional requirements for families already receiving childcare assistance.

The $5 million investment from the General Fund would provide important support for establishing and operating this program. By helping families access reliable childcare and educational support services, SB-12 would contribute to stronger outcomes for California students and communities.

For these reasons, the California Teachers Association supports SB-12 and respectfully urges the Legislature to vote in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely,

California Teachers Association

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