



## **AB 2086 – Schools, Parental Notification**

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### **Talking Points**

1. AB 2086 requires schools to notify parents or guardians if their students will be participating in discussions regarding gender identity or sexual orientation in classes other than sex education or HIV/AIDS prevention, providing the ability to opt out.
2. Last year's SB 777, passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, increased educational concerns for parents in a school environment that is increasingly hostile to persons with closely-held religious beliefs and who understand that certain behaviors are unhealthy and should not be promoted through our schools. AB 2086 provides parents with much-needed information regarding classroom content and allows the most important educator – a child's parent – to make a decision about whether his or her child should participate in controversial sexual discussions in the classroom.
3. Our schools must focus more on academics and less on “educating” students about alternative and often dangerous lifestyles. California schools on the whole are not providing the academic excellence they once did. The inordinately high remediation rates for our high school graduates at our state colleges and universities testify to this fact. A 2007 report of data for the California State University system found that statewide 45 percent of new freshmen required remedial help in English and 37 percent were unprepared for college-level math.
4. Clearly, a greater focus is needed on academics, yet the legislature continues to hand down to our schools what amounts to “tolerance education” that involves a liberal brand of moral teaching with which many, if not most, California parents would disagree. It is important that schools do not contradict the moral teaching of the home. Thus, AB 2086 helps restore parental rights and shows that schools respect the values of the home.

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