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Dear County Superintendents of Schools, County Chief Business Officials,
Superintendents, District Chief Business Officials, and Charter School Administrators:

**Application for Exemption from Fiscal Year 2025–26
Apportionment Deferral is Now Available**

California *Education Code* Section 14041.8 provides the opportunity for school districts and charter schools to apply for a dollar-limited exemption from the deferral of the Principal Apportionment payments from June 2026 to July 2026. There is no exemption provision for county offices of education.

The applications for exemption to the June 2026 deferral are now available on the CDE web page at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fi/ft/deferralexemption.asp>. This application is due no later than **April 1, 2026**.

For more information on the deferral exemption application process, please refer to the CDE web page at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fi/ft/deferralexemption.asp>. Questions regarding the deferral exemption process and applications should be directed to DeferralExemption@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Blanche Katayama

Blanche Katayama, Administrator
School Fiscal Services Division