



September 17, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 288 (Holden) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the EdVoice Board of Directors, I write in support of AB 288.

AB 288 would authorize a community college district to enter into a formal agreement with a school district to establish college and career access pathways to allow secondary students to attend community college classes, as specified. AB 288 has explicit provisions to clarify how concurrent enrollment agreements operate, require prior notice to the public and a hearing to consider approval by each governing board, and define appropriate eligibility for apportionments.

Most importantly, AB 288 will help all students succeed by providing opportunities to those who are behind in credits for high school graduation to make up deficiencies, help students access specialized technical career coursework, and help students who are able to excel academically complete pre-requisite and lower division undergraduate work. AB 288 will result in higher graduation rates, higher employability of high school graduates, and lower tuition and non-Proposition 98 General Fund costs to the state for investing in the accelerated educational success of students in concurrent enrollment in a community college. AB 288 will also result in millions of dollars of ongoing General Fund savings to the state in cost avoidance of income maintenance programs supporting high school dropouts, and beds in the juvenile and adult correctional systems.

We respectfully ask for your signature on AB 288.

If you have any questions regarding our position, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lucia".

Bill Lucia  
President and CEO, EdVoice

Cc: Hon. Chris Holden, Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> District  
Camille Wagner, Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor  
Karen Stapf Walters, Executive Director, State Board of Education  
Cathy McBride, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
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