June 20, 2018

Dear Candidate X:

On behalf of the Alliance for California Computing Education for Students and Schools (ACCESS) and the Computer Science for California (CSforCA) project, we are inviting the top candidates for Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction to respond to the questions submitted below regarding your agenda for computer science education for K12 children and their families living in California.

CSforCA is a project of ACCESS, a multi-stakeholder coalition supporting the expansion of computer science education in California and ensuring these opportunities are available to all students including girls, Latinx, African-American, and low-income students - all underrepresented in computer science. Attached is a brief describing the context of computer science education in California and our priorities.

The questions and answers, if received on time, will be published verbatim on the ACCESS website www.access-ca.org on September 15, 2018. We request that your full response not exceed 2500 words. To meet our publication deadline, your responses must be received by August 31, 2018. If you do not respond, the publication will state “Did Not Respond”. Please send your responses to me at flapan@gseis.ucla.edu. As a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we cannot support or oppose any candidate for public office.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to communicate your views on how you as Governor/State Superintendent of Public Instruction deal with public policy and investments regarding computer science education and ensuring equity and access for all students.

Sincerely,

Julie Flapan
Executive Director, ACCESS