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## **Re: AB 1777 (Aguiar-Curry) Migrant Education: Average Daily Attendance -- SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly member Aguiar-Curry,

The American Academy of Pediatrics California Chapter 2, which represents over 1,000 pediatricians, is in full support of AB 1777, which would expand education access to migrant students in grades K-8 by ensuring at least two Local Education Agencies (LEAs) can provide continuous school instruction during summer months that migrant students are able to attend.

According to the CA Department of Education, 1 in 3 migrant students live in California. In the 2017-2018 school year, there were 81,815 migrant students and over half of this population were English learners. Across the state, thousands of children of migrant workers, who travel with their parents and families to follow seasonal work, enroll in LEAs that operate on schedules that don't align with the migration patterns of their parents. As a consequence, these students often fall behind their peers due to discontinuity in education, poverty, strenuous work outside school, cultural and linguist isolation, and poor health. Migrant students have decreased high school graduation rates and lasting effects due to this inequitable access to education.

AB 1777 will ensure that at least two LEAs can access necessary funding to administer programming during summer months that align with the time during which migrant students are able to attend. This bill will provide equitable educational access to some of California's most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

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