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**SENATE CONFIRMS CALIFORNIA BUSINESS FOR EDUCATION  
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CHAIRMAN GREG JONES TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

(Sacramento, CA) –The California Senate confirmed California Business for Education Excellence Foundation Chairman Greg Jones to serve on the State Board of Education. Governor Schwarzenegger originally appointed Jones to the position in February of 2008 where he has served for one year.

Mr. Jones is President and CEO of State Farm General Insurance Company (retired) and member of the Chairman’s Council. In that capacity, he focused his efforts full-time to further State Farm’s education and outreach efforts.

For the past three years, Mr. Jones has served as the Chairman of CBEE Foundation. As chairman, he has been a vocal champion of raising student academic achievement and closing achievement gaps in California’s K-12 public schools, particularly for the two thirds of public school students who are ethnic minorities and will comprise the future workforce of California.

“I am honored to be confirmed by the Senate to serve on the State Board of Education,” said Jones. “There is no more important issue facing California than raising student academic achievement in our public schools. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on the Board to ensure that all of the students in our public schools leave the 12<sup>th</sup> grade ready for college and ready for work.”

“There is no better advocate for raising student achievement and closing achievement gaps in our public schools than Greg Jones”, stated Jim Lanich, President of CBEE Foundation. “The state board is fortunate to have someone of his leadership and clarity to help make critical decisions about the direction of our public schools.”

Mr. Jones also is a member of the board of directors of the Operation HOPE Incorporated. He is a past chair of Junior Achievement of Southern California, past chair of the Los Angeles Urban League and trustee of the National Urban League.

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