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Dear Members of the Coalition for Multiple Pathways--

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the launch of the Coalition for Multiple Pathways. Thank you for your commitment to improve the educational and economic outcomes of California's students. I believe that the depth and breadth of your coalition membership can bring important change to secondary education in our state.

With the state losing \$200,000 for every child who drops out of school, and the pressure to compete in a global economy, policymakers can no longer ignore the LOW graduation rates of so many high schools. Even in tight budget times, we need to prioritize high school improvement now. I'm grateful to the Coalition for generating momentum and urgency around this issue.

I commit to working with fellow legislators—and the Coalition—to promote policy that will provide more students with greater options for success. I look forward to working with you to improve high schools for California's students.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell Steinberg".

DARRELL STEINBERG  
Senator, 6<sup>th</sup> District