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LEGISLATORS CONVENE IN SLO TO DISCUSS LACK OF SUPPORT TO K-12 SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

LOCAL OFFICIALS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO JOIN THE LEGISLATORS TO URGE ACTION TO BETTER EQUIP OUR CLASSROOMS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR 21ST CENTURY JOBS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - California's science education system – an essential foundation for providing the innovators, scientists, engineers and technicians for California's economy – is in need of immediate repair.

Senator Tom Torlakson will be joined by local officials, teachers and students to call for long needed improvements to science and technical education in our schools. Our science and technical classrooms are woefully under equipped and science teachers are often under qualified and lack the training to provide meaningful applied learning experiences that engage and excite students.

The Senate Select Committee on Schools and Community will hold a hearing on the Cal Poly Campus to discuss reinvigorating hands-on, learning-by-doing, in our schools. The panels will also discuss strategies for developing partnerships with industry to provide the state of the art equipment and teacher training that is necessary to create 21st Century learning environments.

Officials expected to attend or testify include: Senator Abel Maldonado, Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee, Cal Poly College of Engineering Dean Muhammad Noori, Colonel Carl Fushon, Vandenberg Launch Facility.

WHAT: Senate Select Committee on Schools and Community, Chair, Senator Tom Torlakson, Senator Maldonado, Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee, other local officials, science teachers and students.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – Keck Lab, Advanced Technologies Laboratory

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