



NCLB Making a Difference in California

- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases federal education funding for California to more than \$11.5 billion – 45% more than when the President took office.
- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases Title I funding to \$1.9 billion – \$763.6 million over 2001 levels – to help California's neediest children.
- California has received \$426.2 million in reading grants to help schools and districts improve children's reading achievement through scientifically proven methods of instruction since 2002. President Bush's proposed budget includes an additional \$159.3 million for California. In total, over six years, California is set to receive approximately \$871 million in Reading First funds.
- "The California Post Secondary Education Commission funded 17 projects in the state under the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. Funds for this project are received from the U.S. Department of Education and authorized by the *No Child Left Behind Act*." (*Eureka Reporter*, 2/6/04)
- "The number of English learners statewide reaching proficiency in an annual state test took another big jump, according to statistics released March 18 by education officials. State results showed that 43 percent of the students who took the California English Language Development Test scored at the early advanced or advanced levels in 2003. That is up from 34 percent in 2002 and 25 percent in 2001. Maria Lopez, Sacramento City Unified spokeswoman, said that the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* has prompted educators to push all students." (*Sacramento Bee*, 3/19/04)
- "California charter schools got a \$75 million boost when U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige announced a three-year federal grant that aims to help create 250 charters by 2007. Paige praised California for being at the forefront of the charter-school movement. 'With this grant we recognize California's pioneering spirit,' he said. 'California was one of the first states to allow the creation of charter schools, and you're also one of the most welcoming states even now.'" (*Sacramento Bee*, 6/30/04)
- "Schools got their state and federal report cards, and the grades are better than last year. Nearly 56 percent of the county's public schools have a higher state academic rating. Sixty-eight percent of county schools met federal academic goals, compared with 54 percent in 2003. Statewide 64 percent of schools improved in their state ratings, and 64 percent satisfied all federal targets." (*The San Diego Union-Tribune*, 9/1/04)