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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**2009–10 CALIFORNIA HEALTH SCIENCE CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The California Department of Education (CDE) in coordination with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the availability of incentive grant funds for the Health Science Capacity Building Project, authorized by the Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative.

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to build quality Health Science Pathway Programs statewide leading to industry certificate or licensure, a health science-related associate degree, and/or a bachelor's degree. This project is designed to prepare an adequate number of qualified workers to meet the critical worker shortages in the health-care industry by preparing students for jobs or for postsecondary options. Applicants must be committed to quality Health Science Pathway Programs.

Grant funds may be used to either establish a new Health Science Pathway Program or to enhance an existing Health Science Pathway Program. Successful grantees will be expected to develop a standards-based curriculum, to develop a coherent sequence of courses, and to provide health science content and context inclusive of grades seven through twelve. Grant funds must not be used for maintaining existing programs.

The RFA is available on the CDE Health Careers Education Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/hc/>.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Cindy Beck, Education Programs Consultant, High School Transformation Office, by phone at 916-319-0470 or by e-mail at [cbeck@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cbeck@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack O'Connell".

JACK O'CONNELL

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cc: High School Principals