We wanted to take this opportunity to update all of you on the progress being made with SB 131 - OPPOSE.

This bill is harmful to Adventist Church schools. The bill is being vigorously opposed by the California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO). Seventh-day Adventist schools are affiliated with CAPSO.

SB 131 changes the statute of limitations period for suing private organizations only, in respect to sexual abuse cases, despite the fact that public schools account for the vast majority of both students and abuse complaints.

SB 131 fails both victims and private schools by ignoring the actual perpetrators of sex abuse, and doing nothing to strengthen criminal penalties against abusers or extend the criminal statute of limitations.

SB 131 fell three votes short in an Assembly committee Wednesday amid fierce lobbying. To date SB 131 has failed in the Appropriations committed but was granted reconsideration next week. The vote was Ayes: 6; Noes: 4; Abstain: 7.

We are encouraged. Our arguments about equity and fairness are gaining traction but the work is not done!

Please take time to call the members of the Appropriations committee and let them that that you OPPOSE SB 131.
The Legislative Aides at the Capitol have told us that 5 phone calls/emails make a difference. You will most likely reach a Voice Mail, all they want is your name and that you oppose SB 131

Please send this information out to all of your contacts.

Let's get the word out.

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