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FOREWORD

The *Business Services Guide* is a compilation of current information and practices related to the operation and governance of school and community college districts in California. The goal of the *Guide* is to support districts by providing useful resources and practical recommendations for conducting standard school business functions.

A primary objective of the *Business Services Guide* is to correlate mandated or authorized business functions with provisions of the law and, through periodic updates, to incorporate changes in relevant laws and regulations. Legal references are, therefore, included throughout the text.

The *Business Services Guide* is published in electronic format to provide convenient access, either directly or through the many Web links at the end of each section, to the latest information on school business operations. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) to offer the *Business Services Guide* on the FCMAT Web site.

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