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TO: COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS  
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (CADPAAC)

SUBJECT: STUDENT DRUG TESTING

This letter is in response to President Bush's January 21, 2004 State of the Union remarks on his commitment to reduce drug use and save lives by making student drug testing programs a priority in the upcoming year. Mr. Bush indicated that up to \$23 million will be available for communities and schools interested in drug testing. Although the Supreme Court in a significant decision (2002) provides for its use, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) promotes its use, much concern remains about using drug testing as an intervention in public schools.

As I reported to you at the last CADPAAC meeting, the Community Prevention Institute (CPI), Prevention Technical Assistance and Training contractor for the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) has identified a number of articles/publications on drug testing. This information includes pro-use perspectives, as well as concerns about its use and its deterrent potential. In order that you and your colleagues in the California prevention community can increase your knowledge of the issues surrounding implementation of school-based drug testing policies, the ADP Resource Center (RC), Prevention Services Division, is offering this information to you at no cost.

Attached is a list of articles/publications that are available to order from the RC, a synopsis of the publications, and the RC Publications Order Form. You can order by U.S. mail, fax, or e-mail, and links to Web sites are also on the order form to download publications. Additionally, publications can be downloaded from [www.adp.ca.gov/rc/rc\\_sub.shtml](http://www.adp.ca.gov/rc/rc_sub.shtml).

As leaders in the prevention community, I encourage you to become familiar with drug testing policies. I also encourage you to go to the following government Web sites to find further information on drug testing and other drug-related issues: [www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov); [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov); [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov); [www.samhsa.gov/csap](http://www.samhsa.gov/csap); [www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/index.html).

If you have questions regarding this letter, please call the Resource Center at 1-800-879-2772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Cunningham".

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