

# TEACHERS WON'T BE CHARGED UNDER 187, LUNGREN SAYS

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Even if Proposition 187 passes, teachers will not be prosecuted for refusing to report the names of students they believe are illegal immigrants, the state attorney general said Monday. Dan Lungren's announcement contradicted a legal opinion issued this month by the state Department of Education, which said teachers could face charges for failing to report.

Lungren said at a news conference that his office is preparing guidelines for local law enforcement agencies, district attorneys and others who would have new responsibilities under the measure. Enforcement of many of the initiative's provisions would begin immediately, he said. Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Unified School District promised parents they won't be reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The district fears some parents are keeping their children home because of Proposition 187. "The Los Angeles public schools do not report -- we repeat, we do not report -- the identity of any students to the INS or to any other government agency. Federal law prohibits this," read a letter that will be sent to all parents this week.

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