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And Affected State Agencies and Interested Parties (See Enclosed Mailing List)

RE: STATUS UPDATE: Request to Amend Parameters and Guidelines
Handicapped and Disabled Students, 00-PGA-04 and 00-PGA-03
Statutes 1984,Chapter 1747
Statutes 1985, Chapter 1274
Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Division 9
Counties of Stanislaus and Los Angeles, Requestors

Dear Mr. Souza and Mr. Kaye:

On June 17, 2002, Stanislaus County, requested that the June 27, 2002 Commission hearing on the Proposed Parameters and Guidelines Amendment to the *Handicapped and Disabled Students* program be continued until the October 24, 2002 hearing to allow the Legislature and Governor to clarify the statutes in question. On June 18, Los Angeles County also requested that this hearing be continued. The Commission approved these requests.

On September 30, 2002, the Governor approved Assembly Bill 2781, an urgency bill. After AB 2781 was signed, the claimants' representatives requested additional time to submit revised proposals because section 41 addressed the *Handicapped and Disabled Students* program.

On November 8, 2002, Stanislaus County added a copy of Assembly Bill 2781, Chapter 1167, Statutes 2002 to the record. On December 18, 2002, Los Angeles County filed comments on Commission staff's March 20, 2002 draft, and proposed revisions to the parameters and guidelines.

On January 22, 2003, the Commission on State Mandates received the Stanislaus County's proposed changes to the parameters and guidelines as previously submitted and requested a pre-hearing conference be scheduled on February 26, 2003.

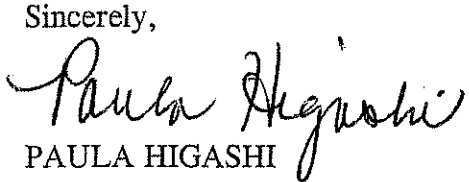
Prehearing Conference. The Commission on State Mandates will convene a pre-hearing conference on February 26, 2003. The conference will be held in the US Bank Building, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Sacramento, at 10:00 a.m.

Prehearing Agenda. Commission staff requests that Stanislaus and Los Angeles Counties be prepared to review the revised submittals and to respond to questions from the Department of Finance, State Controller's Office, affected state agencies, and interested parties. Upon conclusion of these presentations and discussion, we will schedule this matter for comment and hearing.

Copies of the letter filings referred to in this letter are available on the Commission's website, csm.ca.gov.

Please contact Nancy Patton at (916) 323-8217 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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