

SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANDATED COSTS

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Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
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**COMMISSION ON
STATE MANDATES****RE: STATE COMMISSION ON MANDATES HEARING 03-25-04
SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS II AND III
00-TC-09 and 02-TC-32**

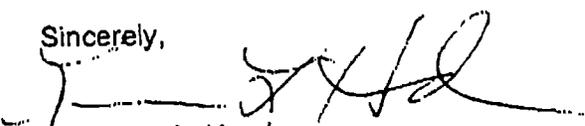
Dear Ms. Higashi,

I have given a great deal of thought to the test claim identified above and have considered the following issues regarding this test claim:

- Claimant evaluated the commission staff's Draft Analysis issued on or about October 7, 2003;
- Claimant responded to the commission staff's Draft Analysis on or about November 15, 2003, which was late due to the San Diego wildfires that caused closure of the Sweetwater Union High School District, with every discussion point that claimant had regarding the disputed issues on this test claim; and,
- Claimant has evaluated the commission staff's Final Analysis issued on or about March 4, 2004, and determined that the discussion points provided to the commission staff regarding the draft analysis made no difference to the final analysis.

Therefore, claimant has decided that, considering: (1) the tight constraints on school district budgets; (2) that a significant amount of Sweetwater Union High School District resources have already obligated to the test claim identified above; and (3) that commission staff recommendations are rarely changed during a commission hearing; claimant will not expend further district resources at this time on this test claim and thusly, claimant will not attend the Commission on State Mandates hearing scheduled for March 25, 2004.

Sincerely,


Lawrence L. Hendee
Mandated Costs/Coordinator