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**COMMISSION ON
STATE MANDATES**

Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms Higashi:

The Department of Finance received your letter dated October 6, 2003, which requests State agencies to comment on the Charter Schools IV test claim submitted by the San Diego Unified School District asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs are reimbursable State mandates (Claim No. CSM-03-TC-03). Due to numerous mandate filings, the reduction in available legal counsel from the Attorney General's Office as well as budget litigation-related demands on our in-house counsel, and our office's internal workload related to budget development, we respectfully request an extension until February 2004 to complete our review of the Charter IV test claim.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing lists which accompanied your letters have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail, or, in the case of other State agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dan Troy, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Oropeza
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Charter Schools IV
Test Claim Number: CSM-03-TC-03

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On December 5, 2003, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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Legislative Analyst's Office
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Department of Education
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on December 5, 2003, at Sacramento, California.


Jennifer Nelson