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And: Interested Parties  
(see enclosed mailing list)

Re: **Notice of Complete Test Claim Filing, Schedule for Comments, and Consolidation of Test Claims**  
*Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) II, 05-TC-02 and 05-TC-03*

On September 21, 2005, a test claim was filed on the above named program by the Grant Joint Union High School District, Claimant. Following initial review, the Commission staff found the test claim to be complete. The Commission is now requesting state agencies and interested parties to comment on the test claim as specified in the enclosed notice.

On September 8, 2005, test claim 05-TC-02 (also named STAR II) was deemed complete and issued for comment. The two test claims are being consolidated, pursuant to section 1183.06 of the Commission's regulations, and will continue to share the same title.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Higashi".

PAULA HIGASHI  
Executive Director

Enclosures:

Notice of Complete Test Claim Filing and Schedule for Comments  
Copy of Test Claim (state agencies only)  
Mailing List



BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE TEST CLAIM ON:

Sections 60601, 60602, 60603, 60604, 60605, 60605.6, 60606, 60607, 60611, 60640 and 60641 of the Education Code, Relating to Pupil Assessment; Statutes of 2004, Chapter 233; Effective August 16, 2004

Filed on August 15, 2005

By the San Diego Unified School District,  
Claimant

And

Education Code Sections 60640, 60641, and 60642.5 ; Statutes 2003, Chapter 773 (AB 1485);

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 850, 851, 852, 853, 855, 857, 858, 859, 861, 862, 863, 864.5, 865, 866, 867, 867.5, and 868;

Filed on September 21, 2005;

By the Grant Joint Union High School District,  
Claimant.

No. 05-TC-02 and 05-TC-03

*Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) II*

NOTICE OF COMPLETE TEST CLAIM FILING, SCHEDULE FOR COMMENTS, AND CONSOLIDATION OF TEST CLAIMS (Gov. Code, § 17500 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 2, §§ 1183, subd.(g), & 1183.02)

**TO: Grant Joint Union High School District  
San Diego Unified School District  
California Department of Education  
Department of Finance  
State Controller's Office  
Interested Parties**

On September 21, 2005, the Grant Joint Union High School District, Claimant, filed a test claim on the above-described statutes and/or executive orders alleging a reimbursable state-mandated program pursuant to article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514. The test claim is complete. The test claim will be heard and determined by the Commission on State Mandates pursuant to article XIII B, section 6, Government Code section 17500 et seq., and case law. The procedures for hearing and determining this claim are prescribed in the Commission's regulations, California Code of Regulations, title 2, chapter 2.5, section 1181.

## CONSOLIDATION OF TEST CLAIMS

On September 8, 2005, test claim 05-TC-02 (also named STAR II) was deemed complete and issued for comment. The two test claims listed above share common issues, allegations, statutes, and regulations. In light of these similarities and to ensure the complete, fair, and timely consideration, these claims are now consolidated for analysis and hearing pursuant to my authority under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.06. This action will be effective 10 days from the service of this letter. If a party wishes to appeal this action, they may do so pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.06, subdivision (d).

For future correspondence, these test claims are designated *Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) II*, 05-TC-02 and 05-TC-03, San Diego Unified School District and Grant Joint Union High School District, Claimants.

## COMMENT PERIOD

The key issues before the Commission are:

- Do the provisions listed above impose a new program or higher level of service within an existing program upon local entities within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and costs mandated by the state pursuant to section 17514 of the Government Code?
- Does Government Code section 17556 preclude the Commission from finding that any of the test claim provisions impose costs mandated by the state?
- Have funds been appropriated for this program (e.g., state budget) or are there any other sources of funding available? If so, what is the source?

State Agency Review of Test Claim - State agencies are requested to analyze the test claim merits and to file written comments within 30 days, or no later than **November 7, 2005**. If comments have not yet been filed on 05-TC-02, consolidated comments may be filed on both test claims no later than November 7, 2005. Requests for extensions of time may be filed in accordance with sections 1183.01, subdivision (c), and 1181.1, subdivision (g), of the regulations.

Claimant Rebuttal - The claimant and interested parties may file rebuttals to state agencies' comments under section 1183.03 of the regulations. The rebuttal is due 30 days from the actual service date of written comments from any state agencies.

Mailing Lists - Under section 1181.2 of the regulations, the Commission will promulgate a mailing list of parties, interested parties, and interested persons for each test claim and provide the list to those included on the list, and to anyone who requests a copy. Any written material filed with the Commission on this claim shall be simultaneously served on the other parties listed on the mailing list provided by the Commission.

## INFORMAL/PREHEARING CONFERENCE

An informal conference or prehearing conference may be scheduled if requested by any party. See sections 1183.04 and 1187.4 of the regulations.

## HEARING AND STAFF ANALYSIS

A tentative hearing date for the test claim will be set when the draft staff analysis of the claim is being prepared. At least eight weeks before a hearing is conducted, the draft staff analysis will be issued to parties, interested parties, and interested persons for comment. Comments are due at least five weeks prior to the hearing or on the date set by the Executive Director, pursuant to section 1183.07 of the regulations. Before the hearing, a final staff analysis will be issued.

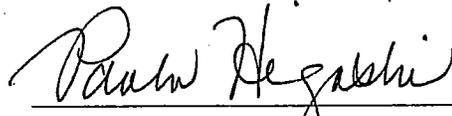
Dismissal of Test Claims - Under section 1183.09 of the regulations, test claims may be dismissed when postponed or placed on inactive status by the claimant for more than one year. Before dismissing a test claim, the Commission will provide 60 days notice and opportunity for other parties to take over the claim.

Parameters and Guidelines - If the Commission determines that a reimbursable state mandate exists, the claimant is responsible for submitting proposed parameters and guidelines for reimbursing all eligible local entities. See section 1183.1 of the regulations. All interested parties and affected state agencies will be given an opportunity to comment on the claimant's proposal before consideration and adoption by the Commission.

Reasonable Reimbursement Methodology - Government Code section 17557 requires the Commission, when adopting parameters and guidelines, to consult with claimants, Department of Finance, the State Controller, and the Legislature to consider a reasonable reimbursement methodology that balances accuracy with simplicity. Government Code section 17518.5 authorizes the claimant or any affected state agency or interested party to propose a reasonable reimbursement methodology.

Statewide Cost Estimate - The Commission is required to adopt a statewide cost estimate of the reimbursable state-mandated program within 12 months of receipt of a test claim. This deadline may be extended for up to six months upon the request of either the claimant or the Commission.

Dated: October 6, 2005

  
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PAULA HIGASHI, Executive Director

# Commission on State Mandates

Original List Date: 9/28/2005

Mailing Information: Completeness Determination

Last Updated:

List Print Date: 10/06/2005

## Mailing List

Claim Number: 05-TC-03

Issue: Standardized Testing and Reporting II

### Related Matter(s)

05-TC-02 Standardized Testing and Reporting II

### TO ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.2.)

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