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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 respectfully requests an extension to file comments on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) II Test Claim (05-TC-02 and 05-TC-03) related to reimbursable state mandated costs submitted by the San Diego Unified and Grant Joint Union School Districts. Although we have conducted a preliminary review of the test claim, due to budget-related workload and the complexity of this test claim, we respectfully request an extension to February 3, 2006, for completion of our review and preparation of a response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your October 6, 2005 letter 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 Pete Cervinka, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328, or Jesse McGuinn, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Schweizer
Assistant Program Budget Manager

Attachment

Attachment A

DECLARATION OF PETE CERVINKA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CLAIM NO. 05-TC-02 and 05-TC-03

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

November 2, 2005
at Sacramento, CA



PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) II
Test Claim Number: 05-TC-02 and 05-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 November 7, 2005, 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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Commission on State Mandates
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Facsimile No. 445-0278

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Division of Accounting & Reporting
Attention: Ms. Ginny Brummels
3301 C Street, Room 500
Sacramento, CA 95816

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Legislative Analyst's Office
Attention Marianne O'Malley
925 L Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

School Services of California, Inc.

Attention: Robert Miyashiro
1121 L Street, Suite 1060
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sixten & Associates

Attention: Keith Petersen
5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 807
San Diego, CA 92117

Department of Education

Fiscal and Administrative Services Division
Attention: Gerald Shelton
1430 N Street, Suite 2213
Sacramento, CA 95814

Steve Smith Enterprises, Inc.

Attention: Steve Smith
4633 Whitney Avenue, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95821

San Diego Unified School District

Attention: Arthur Palkowitz
4100 Normal Street, Room 3159
San Diego, CA 92103-2682

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State Board of Education
Attention: Bill Lucia, Executive Director
721 Capitol Mall, Room 532
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Attention: Steve DePue
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Greenwood, CA 95635

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Attention: Paul Minney
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Mandate Resource Services
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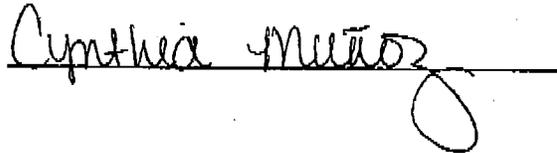
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Attention: Steve Shields
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Centration, Inc.
Attention: Beth Hunter
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Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

School Innovations & Advocacy
Attention: Joe Rombold
11130 Sun Center Drive, Suite 100
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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 November 7, 2005, at Sacramento, California.


Cynthia M. Miller