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June 19, 2015

Mr. Thomas Todd
Department of Finance
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And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)

Re: **Approval of Request for Extension of Time and Postponement of Hearing**
California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), 14-TC-01
Education Code Sections 60602 et al.
California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 850 through 864, inclusive;
(Register 2014, No. 30; Effective Date: July 23, 2014)

Santa Ana Unified School District, Porterville Unified School District, Plumas County
Office of Education, Plumas Unified School District, Claimants

Dear Mr. Todd:

On June 19, 2015, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) received the Department of Finance's (Finance's) request for an extension of time to file comments on the draft proposed decision and request for postponement of the July 24, 2015 hearing on the above-named matter.

Section 1187.9(b) of the Commission's regulations provides that each request for postponement will be considered on its own merits and must fully explain the reasons for the request. While continuances and postponements are disfavored and pursuant to Government Code section 17530, the executive director has a duty to expedite all matters before the Commission, a request for postponement *may* be approved for good cause. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1187.9.)

Specifically, the request states the unavailability of Finance staff for excusable circumstances, complex and numerous issues in both the test claim as well as the draft proposed decision, and finally, the unforeseen and unique workload associated with legislative negotiations.

Therefore, the request for extension of time and postponement of hearing is approved for good cause as described in section 1187.9(b)(1)(A) and (F). This matter is now set for hearing on **September 25, 2015**, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 447 of the State Capitol, Sacramento, California, and comments from all parties are now due **July 20, 2015**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Halsey for".

Heather Halsey
Executive Director