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August 14, 2015

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And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)

Re: **Notice of Complete Test Claim Filing, Notice of Consolidation, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Hearing**
California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)II, 14-TC-04
California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 850 through 864, inclusive;
Register 2014, No. 6; Effective Date: February 3, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Palkowitz:

On June 26, 2015, the Plumas County Office of Education, Plumas Unified School District, Porterville Unified School District, and Santa Ana Unified School District (claimants) filed a test claim on the above-named matter with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission). On July 7, 2015, Commission staff notified the claimant that the test claim filing was incomplete.

On August 6, 2015, the claimants refiled the test claim on the above-named matter with the Commission. Upon review, Commission staff finds this test claim filing to be complete. Therefore, it will retain the original filing date of June 26, 2015 in accordance with section 1183.1(e) of the Commission's regulations. (California Code of Regulations, Title 2.)

This matter is being expedited for hearing pursuant to the authority granted by section 17530 of the Government Code and parties, interested parties, and interested persons are now requested to comment on the test claim as specified below. Unless one of the parties objects, the comment and rebuttal periods on this filing will be reduced to 21 days, to allow this matter to be heard at the December 3, 2015 Commission meeting.

Review of Test Claim

Parties, interested parties, and interested persons receiving this letter are requested to analyze the merits of the test claim and to file written comments on or before **September 4, 2015** in accordance with sections 1183.2 and 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations. Requests for extensions of time to file comments may be filed in accordance with section 1187.9 of the Commission's regulations, but will be disfavored as this matter is being expedited for hearing.

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Claimant's Rebuttal

Written rebuttals to written comments concerning this test claim may be filed and served in accordance with section 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations within 21 days of service of the written comments. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1183.3.)

Notice of Consolidation

On January 2, 2015, the *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)*, 14-TC-01 test claim was deemed complete. These two test claims share common issues and allegations. In light of these similarities and to ensure complete, fair, and timely consideration, these claims are now being consolidated for analysis and hearing pursuant to the executive director's authority under section 1183.5 of the Commission's regulations. This action will be effective 10 days from the service of this notice. If a party wishes to appeal this action, the appellant may do so pursuant to section 1181.1(c) of the Commission's regulations.

For future correspondence, this consolidated test claim is now designated ***California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), 14-TC-01 and 14-TC-04.***

Notice of Hearing

On June 1, 2015, the Commission issued the draft proposed decision for *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)*, 14-TC-01 setting the matter for hearing in July 2015. Then on June 19, 2015, the Department of Finance requested postponement of hearing until September 25, 2015 which was approved for good cause. Now, due to the consolidation of these claims, the Commission must further postpone this matter until **December 3, 2015**. Approximately ten to eight weeks before the hearing, Commission staff will issue the draft proposed decision on the consolidated matter for comment.

Process for Filing Comments

The Commission has prepared a mailing list of parties, interested parties, and interested persons for this test claim. The mailing list will be uploaded to the Commission's website and an e-mail notification of its availability will be sent to everyone on the list who has provided an e-mail address. A hard copy will be provided to persons who have not provided an e-mail address and to any person who requests a hard copy. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1181.4)

You are advised that if written materials are filed in hard copy, the filing must simultaneously be served on everyone on the mailing list, and be accompanied by a proof of service. However, this requirement may also be satisfied by electronically filing your documents on the Commission's website. For instructions on electronic filing, please see the Commission's website at http://www.csm.ca.gov/dropbox_procedures.shtml. The comments will be posted on the Commission's website and the mailing list will be notified by electronic mail of the posting and the comment period. This procedure will satisfy all the service requirements under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1181.3.

Sincerely,



Heather Halsey
Executive Director

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On August 14, 2015, I served the:

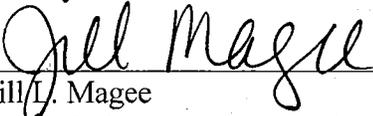
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by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

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 August 14, 2015 at Sacramento, California.



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Matter: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

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Santa Ana Unified School District
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TO ALL PARTIES, INTERESTED PARTIES, AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

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, § 1181.3.)

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