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Honorable Board of Education
Los Angeles Unified School District
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Re: Amendment to Report on the Progress and Effectiveness of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Implementation of the Modified Consent Decree during the 2005-06 School Year – Part III

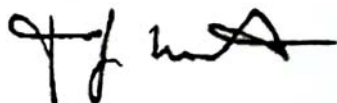
Dear Mr. Brewer and Board of Education:

On November 21, 2006 the Independent Monitor (IM) made a determination that the District had not met Outcome 1 of the Modified Consent Decree pertaining to participation in the statewide assessment program. The target for the outcome is that 95% of students with disabilities will take the statewide assessment. The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) determined that the participation rate was 94.4%. In January questions were raised about the OIM's exclusion of a group of students that had missing test scores. The OIM removed students from the calculation that had no accompanying test scores to go along with the inclusion code of "T". The District contended that the exclusion of these students from the count of students who participated was inconsistent with State rules in effect at the time. Clarification with California Department of Education confirmed that it accepted these students as having participated in the assessment program for the 2005-06 school year.

The OIM determined that including these students would have given the District a participation rate of 93.2% on the Mathematics assessment and 96.8% on the English Language Arts assessment. The overall rate of participation is 95% the target for Outcome 1. Therefore the IM determines that the District has met Outcome 1.

In the process of conducting the above analysis the OIM and the District uncovered discrepancies between the STAR files designation of which students have a disability and the Welligent file. The District and the OIM have agreed that these discrepancies must be resolved for the evaluation of the District's performance on Outcome 2 for the 2006-2007 school year.

Sincerely,



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c: Hon. Judge Ronald Lew, Robert Myers, Catherine Blakemore, Kevin Reed, Donnalyn Jaque-Antón, Diane Pappas, Peter Keup, Brigitte Ammons, Roger O'Leary-Archer, Thomas Hehir