

**ITEM 5**  
**FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS**  
**DISMISSAL OF INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIMS**

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

*Graduation Requirements*

03-4435-I-44, 03-4435-I-6, 03-4435-I-47, 03-4435-I-48, 05-4435-I-51

Castro Valley and San Jose Unified School Districts and  
Fullerton, Grossmont, and Sweetwater Union High School Districts, Claimants

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**Executive Summary**

The Commission on State Mandates (Commission) shall hear and decide upon a claim by a local agency or school district filed on or after January 1, 1985, that the Controller has incorrectly reduced payments to the local agency or school district pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 17561.<sup>1</sup> In 2003 and 2005, the above-named school districts filed incorrect reduction claims on the *Graduation Requirements* program.

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission that the incorrect reduction claims filed by the above-named school districts were paid in full.<sup>2</sup>

The claimants of the five school districts agree they "have been paid the total amounts claimed each year."<sup>3</sup> Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school districts pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the parties.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission dismiss these incorrect reduction claims. The orders to dismiss the claims are attached.

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d).

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit A, letters from State Controller's Office.

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit B, email dated October 26, 2007.



BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM:

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

Fiscal Years 1999-2000

Filed on February 13, 2004 by

Grossmont Union High School District,  
Claimant.

Case No.: 03-4435-I-44

*Graduation Requirements*

DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT  
REDUCTION CLAIM PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 17551

*(Adopted on January 31, 2008)*

**DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM**

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) that the incorrect reduction claim filed by Grossmont Union High School District was paid in full. The claimant agrees it has been paid the total amounts claimed each year. Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school district pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the claimant.

**CONCLUSION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the incorrect reduction claim filing, *Graduation Requirements* (03-4435-I-44), is dismissed pursuant to Government Code section 17551.

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Paula Higashi, Executive Director

Dated: January 31, 2008

BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM:

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and  
2001-2002

Filed on February 20, 2004 by  
San Jose Unified School District, Claimant.

Case No.: 03-4435-I-46

*Graduation Requirements*

DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT  
REDUCTION CLAIM PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 17551

*(Adopted on January 31, 2008)*

**DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM**

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) that the incorrect reduction claim filed by San Jose Unified School District was paid in full. The claimant agrees it has been paid the total amount claimed each year. Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school district pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the claimant.

**CONCLUSION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the incorrect reduction claim filing, *Graduation Requirements* (03-4435-I-46), is dismissed pursuant to Government Code 17551.

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Paula Higashi, Executive Director

Dated: January 31, 2008

BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM:

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and  
2001-2002

Filed on February 26, 2004 by

Castro Valley Unified School District, Claimant.

Case No.: 03-4435-I-47

*Graduation Requirements*

DECISION TO DISMISS  
INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM  
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 17551

*(Adopted on January 31, 2008)*

**DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM**

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) that the incorrect reduction claim filed by Castro Valley Unified School District was paid in full. The claimant agrees it has been paid the total amount claimed each year. Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school district pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the claimant.

**CONCLUSION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the incorrect reduction claim filing, *Graduation Requirements* (03-4435-I-47), is dismissed pursuant to Government Code 17551.

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Paula Higashi, Executive Director

Dated: January 31, 2008

BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM:

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and  
2001-2002

Filed on March 1, 2004 by

Fullerton Joint Union High School District,  
Claimant.

Case No.: 03-4435-I-48

*Graduation Requirements*

DECISION TO DISMISS  
INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM  
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 17551

*(Adopted on January 31, 2008)*

**DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM**

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) that the incorrect reduction claim filed by Fullerton Joint Union High School District was paid in full. The claimant agrees it has been paid the total amount claimed each year. Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school district pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the claimant.

**CONCLUSION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the incorrect reduction claim filing, *Graduation Requirements* (03-4435-I-48), is dismissed pursuant to Government Code 17551.

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Paula Higashi, Executive Director

Dated: January 31, 2008

BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM:

Statutes 1983, Chapter 498 (SB 813)

Fiscal Years 1999-2000, and 2000-2001

Filed on October 24, 2005 by

Sweetwater Union High School District,  
Claimant.

Case No.: 05-4435-I-51

*Graduation Requirements*

DECISION TO DISMISS  
INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM  
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 17551

*(Adopted on January 31, 2008)*

**DECISION TO DISMISS INCORRECT REDUCTION CLAIM**

On October 17, 2007, the State Controller's Office notified the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) that the incorrect reduction claim filed by Sweetwater Union High School District was paid in full. The claimant agrees it has been paid the total amounts claimed each year. Thus, based on the evidence in the record, the State Controller's Office has *not* incorrectly reduced payments to the school district pursuant to Government Code section 17551, subdivision (d). This fact is not disputed by the claimant.

**CONCLUSION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the incorrect reduction claim filing, *Graduation Requirements* (05-4435-I-51), is dismissed pursuant to Government Code 17551.

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Paula Higashi, Executive Director

Dated: January 31, 2008