

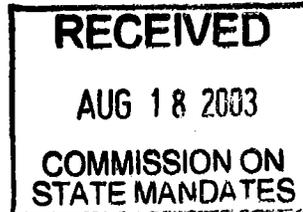


DEPARTMENT OF  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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August 14, 2003



Ms. Paula Higashi  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received your letter dated July 14, 2003, requesting our review of the test claim submitted by the Santa Monica Community College District, asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under referenced sections of the Education Code, Title 2 Regulations, statutes and executive orders are reimbursable State mandated costs (Claim No. CSM-02-TC-48 "Deferred Maintenance"). In addition, we have received your letter dated July 15, 2003, requesting our review of the test claim submitted by the Clovis Unified School District, asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under referenced sections of the Education Code, Title 2 Regulations, statutes and executive orders are reimbursable State mandated costs (Claim No. CSM-02-TC-44 "Deferred Maintenance Programs"). Due to the coordination involved in performing these analyses, and the numerous activities for which the school district and the community college district are seeking reimbursement, we are requesting representation from the Attorney General's Office. As a result, we respectfully request an extension of at least 30 days to prepare our response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing lists which accompanied your July 14, 2003, and July 15, 2003, letters 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 Walt Schaff, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328, or Keith Gmeinder, State mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Oropeza  
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

## PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Deferred Maintenance and Deferred Maintenance Programs  
Test Claim Number CSM-02-TC-44 and CSM-02-TC-48

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 August 14, 2003, 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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Division of Accounting & Reporting  
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Legislative Analyst's Office  
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Department of Education  
Fiscal and Administrative Services Division  
Attention: Gerald Shelton  
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Attention: Luisa M. Park  
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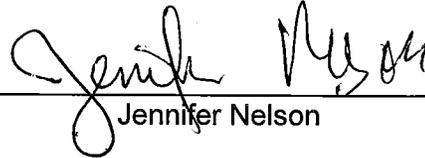
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Attention: Thomas J. Donner  
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Education Mandated Cost Network  
C/O School Services of California  
Attention: Dr. Carol Berg, PhD  
1121 L Street, Suite 1060  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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, 2003, at Sacramento, California.



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Jennifer Nelson