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**COMMISSION ON  
STATE MANDATES**

February 13, 2004

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

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance respectfully requests an extension to file comments on various test claims and other filings related to reimbursable state mandated costs submitted by school and community college districts as indicated on Attachment A. Previously, the Commission granted us an extension until February 7, 2004 to file comments on an extensive list of filings. At the Commission's request, we continued to submit comments on a flow basis to the extent possible and prioritized matters that were closer to conclusion.

Although we have now submitted comments on a number of the filings, we were unable to complete our review for several mandates due to our budget-related workload, the complexity and scope of particular filings, and a reduction in staffing. We therefore request extensions on those filings, as specified on the attached list. In most cases, we request an additional 30-day extension to March 8, 2004 to allow us to resolve remaining issues identified during our review.

For a select number of filings, we request an additional 180-day extension to August 9, 2004 in order to invest the significant time required to review these submissions. These filings, mostly new test claims, are either: (1) extensive in length, ranging in the several hundreds of pages; (2) broad in scope, citing numerous statutes that may or may not be directly relevant to the asserted reimbursable mandates; or (3) lacking any clear, concise explanation or evidence to justify the claimants' assertions that the statutes contain mandated activities that are new or material increases in the level of service. Review of these mandates requires significant time for extensive researching of statutes and regulations and development of information on the actual impact of any changes on school district and community college operations. As always, we will continue to submit comments on a flow basis, and would welcome the Commission's suggestions as to the relative priority of test claims that remain pending.

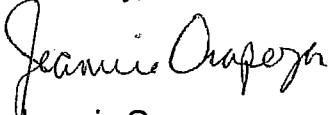
As we have indicated in prior comments for various filings, we believe that such broad-based claims that fail to clearly identify alleged mandated activities by specific statute should not constitute complete test claims, and should be returned by the Commission for refinement. Additionally, we believe that comments should not be solicited from all interested parties until a

complete test claim is filed. However, since you have indicated that the Commission staff does not share this view, we will attempt to analyze the claims as they are.

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 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 Matt Aguilera, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-0328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannie Oropeza".

Jeannie Oropeza  
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

**Attachment A**

**REQUEST TO COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
FOR EXTENSION TO FILE COMMENTS**

**Request for 30-day extension**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Claimant</b>
02-TC-21	Tuition Fee Waivers	2/7/2004	Contra Costa CCD
02-TC-37	Adult Education Enrollment Reporting	2/7/2004	Berkeley and Sacramento City USD
02-TC-46	Discrimination Complaint Procedures	2/7/2004	Santa Monica CCD
02-TC-51	CA Public Records Act (K-14)	2/7/2004	Riverside USD
03-TC-05	CCC Budget and Accounting Manual	2/7/2004	Santa Monica CCD
03-TC-09	Teacher Credentialing	2/7/2004	San Diego COE
03-TC-16	Parental Involvement Programs	2/7/2004	San Jose USD
03-TC-17	California Environmental Quality Act	2/7/2004	Clovis USD
03-TC-02	Uniform Complaint Procedures	2/7/2004	Solano Beach School District
02-TC-32	School Accountability Report Cards III	2/7/2004	Empire Union USD and Bakersfield City USD
03-TC-06	California English Development Test	2/7/2004	Castro Valley USD

**Request for 180-day extension**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Claimant</b>
02-TC-22	Disabled Student Programs and Services	2/7/2004	West Kern CCD
02-TC-24	Reporting Improper Governmental Activities	2/7/2004	San Juan USD and Santa Monica CCD
02-TC-25	Notice to Students	2/7/2004	Los Rios CCD
02-TC-27	Employment of College Faculty and Administrators	2/7/2004	Santa Monica CCD
02-TC-28	Cal Grants	2/7/2004	Long Beach CCD
02-TC-31	Minimum Conditions for State Aid	2/7/2004	Santa Monica CCD
02-TC-34	Student Records	2/7/2004	Riverside USD and Palomar CCD

## PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: See Attached List

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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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On February 13, 2004, 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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E-08

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A-17

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G-01

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C-34

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T-01

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C-27

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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 February 13, 2004, at Sacramento, California.

*Clad Polster for*

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Jennifer Nelson

