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August 5, 2015

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**Re: Draft Proposed Decision**  
Incorrect Reduction Claim  
*Notification of Truancy*, 05-904133-I-02  
Education Code Section 48260.5  
Statutes 1983, Chapter 498  
Fiscal Years 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001  
Los Angeles Unified School District, Claimant

Dear Ms. Halsey:

The State Controller's Office (SCO) has reviewed the Commission on State Mandates' (Commission) draft staff analysis dated July 16, 2015, for the above incorrect reduction claim filed by Los Angeles Unified School District. We support the Commission's conclusion and recommendation.

The Commission supported the SCO adjustments related to the following:

- Reduction of all costs claimed for fiscal year (FY) 1997-98 totaling \$712,167, is correct as a matter of law.
- Reduction of costs claimed for FY 1999-2000 and FY 2000-01, totaling \$1,173,865 for notifications sampled at 67 school sites, is correct as a matter of law.

The Commission did not support the SCO adjustments related to the following:

- Reduction of costs claimed totaling \$721,623 for FY 1999-2000 and 2000-01 for truancy notifications at school sites not included in the statistical audit sample.

We agree that the statistical sampling results for FY 1999-2000 and FY 2000-01 from the sampled schools may not be representative of the schools not sampled. Therefore, applying the sampling results to the non-sampled schools was incorrect. Subsequent to this audit, we revised our statistical sampling methodologies for this program to stratify the sample between daily and

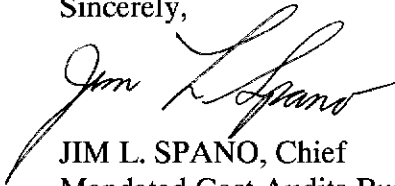
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period attendance accounting methods and to sample from the entire initial truancy notification population, rather than schools.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (916) 323-5849.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim L. Spano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

JIM L. SPANO, Chief  
Mandated Cost Audits Bureau  
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**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 5, 2015, I served the:

**SCO Comments**

Incorrect Reduction Claim

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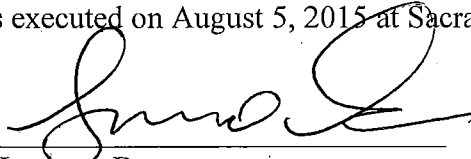
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By making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

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 5, 2015 at Sacramento, California.



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**Claimant:** Los Angeles Unified School District

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