



# Hope School District

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May 03, 2024

**Commission on  
State Mandates**

Re: Transitional Kindergarten Program, 23-TC-02 Position: **Support**

Dear Ms. Miller:

On behalf of Hope School District, our community and my family, I am writing in **support** of the test claim: Transitional Kindergarten Program, 23-TC-02, which is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) at its November 22, 2024, hearing.

The mandate of Universal TK doesn't seem to be implemented in a just and fair way Statewide, leaving many school Districts (basic aid funded) out, unnecessarily burdening them with the cost of implementing an expensive TK program. This unfunded mandate for basic aid districts creates an onerous burden that encroaches on our ability to provide quality programming for our students. Our schools are already stretched to pay for programming, to keep salaries competitive and to keep up with the cost of living. I am a teacher and a parent of a TK student at my same school. It's a shame to see funding taken from other areas in the school, including my own sixth grade classroom, to pay for our Transitional Kindergarten. I'm torn because I want my daughter, who is in TK, to have a wonderful year, but I also need it for the classroom I teach.

For these reasons, I strongly support the test claim filed by the Hope Elementary School District and the Sunnyvale School District. Without support from the Commission on this test claim, community-funded districts will be forced to take funding from other programs that currently serve students in order to implement this new grade. I implore that the Commission staff recommends the test claim to be approved and that Commission members approve the claim when it is heard this fall.

Sincerely,

Kim Marme

cc: Members and Staff, Commission on State Mandates

## 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 May 14, 2024, I served the:

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*Transitional Kindergarten Program, 23-TC-02*  
Statutes 2021, Chapter 44, Section 60 (AB 130);  
Education Code Section 48000, Effective July 9, 2021  
Hope Elementary School District and Sunnyvale School District, Claimants

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 May 14, 2024 at Sacramento, California.



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**Matter:** Transitional Kindergarten Program

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