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

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the test claim (Transitional Kindergarten Program, 23-TC-02) filed by the Hope Elementary School District and the Sunnyvale School District and tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) at its November 22, 2024, hearing regarding the funding distribution methodology for implementing Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) across all school districts in California.

As a mother of a public school elementary student and a dedicated public school servant with over 20 years of experience, I understand the critical importance of providing equitable early childhood intervention and community resources through programs like UTK. Early childhood education sets the foundation for a child's future success and plays a pivotal role in fostering academic and social development. It is imperative that all children, regardless of their school district's funding status, have access to high-quality transitional kindergarten.

California's phased approach to implementing UTK by the 2025-26 school year represents a commendable effort towards enhancing educational opportunities for our youngest learners. However, the current funding structure disproportionately affects community-funded (basic aid) school districts like ours, leaving us without the necessary financial support to implement this essential program. This omission creates an unfunded mandate that places undue strain on our district's resources, potentially diverting funds from existing programs that serve our students.

The commitment to universal access to transitional kindergarten should extend equitably to all school districts, ensuring that every child in California has the opportunity to benefit from this crucial educational milestone. The state's refusal to provide funding for UTK implementation in community-funded districts contradicts its own mandate and jeopardizes the educational experience of our students.

I urge the Commission on State Mandates to support the test claim filed by the Hope Elementary School District and the Sunnyvale School District. Approving this claim is not only a matter of financial equity but also a fundamental step towards upholding the state's commitment to accessible and sustainable early childhood education for all.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue. I implore the Commission to recommend approval of the test claim and to ensure that all districts, including community-funded ones, receive the necessary support to implement UTK successfully.

Sincerely,

Kristin Lindquist

Director of Special Education, Hope School District

Mother of a public school 2nd grader, and previously TK eligible student

## 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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