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Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director
Department of Finance
1021 O Street, Suite 3110
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated January 15, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Control Section 28 in the *2022-23 Budget Act*, of a request from the Department of Education (CDE) to increase federal fund spending authority by \$23,072,000. The additional authority is related to the receipt of a one-time federal Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Grant (LFS) that will be distributed to school food authorities (SFAs) for the purchase of locally grown foods from local producers. The letter requested a waiver from the 30-day legislative review period.

I have concluded the change in spending authority is aligned with the requirements of Section 28.00 and concur with the request. To avoid any further delay, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period, in order to allow CDE to distribute the funds to SFAs as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee