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February 25, 2021

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
Room 1145, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated January 26, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (d) of the Education Code section 10859, of the Office of Planning and Research's request to approve an expenditure plan that would enable roughly \$6 million, the remaining balance of available system funding, to be released to support the initial development phase of the Cradle-to-Career Data System. The statute allows 30 days for the Legislature to review the request prior to your approval.

My staff has informed me that you have agreed to accommodate our request to extend that Legislative review period until April 15, 2021 for this particular notice. The extension will provide the Legislature with time to schedule budget subcommittee hearings and discuss the significant policy decisions that need to be made regarding this project and why it is necessary to release these funds prior to the adoption of the 2021-22 Budget Act. In addition, the extension will allow the Legislature to review the second statutorily required progress report that OPR plans to release by April 1, 2021. I appreciate that courtesy and look forward to continuing to work with the Administration on the development of the Cradle-to-Career Data System.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler

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cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee