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April 23, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated April 5, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 10, Statutes of 2021 (AB 86), of an expenditure plan submitted by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for \$25 million General Fund that was appropriated for the Safe Schools For All Team. According to the plan, a portion of the funding will be allocated to the California Department of Education (CDE) to support County Offices of Education through local assistance grants. The letter requested a waiver from the 30-day legislative review period.

Ensuring schools have the support necessary to comply with local public health standards will be critically important in order to resume in-person education in the fall. As such, the Legislature will need to understand the level of support local education agencies (LEAs) are requesting and receiving so we know what challenges they are facing and what additional resources are required. To that end, I respectfully request CDPH and CDE provide the Legislature with written quarterly updates beginning on September 1, 2021 that include the following information by county:

- (1) number of LEAs requesting technical assistance and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs,
- (2) number of LEAs provided with technical assistance for return to in-person education and the total number of pupils served by these LEAs,
- (3) number of LEAs provided with technical assistance on outbreak mitigation (e.g. contact tracing and case investigation),

- (4) number of LEAs that were provided onsite consultation with the LHJ, and
- (5) number of LEAs that had to adjust their plans based on feedback from the LHJ, and

I have reviewed the request and concur that the expenditure plan complies with the requirements of Section 7 of Chapter 10, Statutes of 2021. In addition, I approve your request to waive the 30-day review period, in order to allow the Safe Schools For All Team to begin its work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Skinner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee