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March 30, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated March 22, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00 of the 2020-21 Budget Act, of a request by the California Department of Education (CDE) for increased federal appropriation authority of \$187.5 million. The additional authority is related to the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. The letter requested a waiver from the 30-day legislative review period.

Federal legislation requires CDE to “prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by the qualifying emergency.” Considering that this is the first time that federal relief funds are being directed to non-public schools for costs associated with COVID-19, I respectfully request CDE provide the Legislature with a report by May 14, 2021 that includes the following information:

- (1) The allocation amount for each private school.
- (2) The methodology each school used to determine their low-income population.
- (3) The enrollment information including the measures of low-income students at each respective school.
- (4) The total enrollment information at each respective school.
- (5) The county in which each private school is located.

In addition, I request CDE provide quarterly updates to the Legislature of the amount of reimbursements requested by each school with a breakdown of the reimbursements requested for costs that are deemed necessary for in-person learning.

This information will help ensure that funds are allocated based on each school's share of low-income students and are equitably distributed to schools that are serving communities most impacted by the pandemic.

I have reviewed the request and concur that the change is aligned with the requirements of Section 28.00. In addition, I approve your request to waive the 30-day review period, in order to allow CDE to meet the federally required time line.

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