

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-3

Urgent Routine 

AGENDA DATE November 6, 2012

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt the Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Codes of the Salida Union Elementary School District, Empire Union School District, and the Ceres Union School District

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Salida Union Elementary School District, Empire Union School District, and the Ceres Union School District.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2012-545

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

SUBJECT: Approval to Adopt the Amendments for the Conflict of Interest Codes for the Salida Union Elementary School District, Empire Union School District, and the Ceres Union School District

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DISCUSSION:

As the Conflict of Interest Code Reviewing Body for all local government agencies within Stanislaus County the Board of Supervisors must approve amendments to an agency's Conflict of Interest Code. After holding a public meeting the Salida Union Elementary School District, Empire Union School District, and the Ceres Union School District adopted amendments to the Conflict of Interest Codes. After an agency adopts an amendment to their Code they must submit it to the Board of Supervisors. Upon receiving the amendment to a Conflict of Interest Code from an agency the Board of Supervisors places the amendment on their agenda for approval.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors is the Conflict of Interest Code Reviewing Body for all agencies whose boundaries are solely within Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

Christine Ferraro Tallman Phone Number: 209-525-4494

2012 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Salida Union Elementary School District

Mailing Address: 4801 Sisk Road, Salida, CA 95368

Contact Person: Barbara Fortado Office Phone No: 209-543-3119

E-mail: bfortado@salida.k12.ca.us Fax No: 209-545-2682

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code requires disclosure by agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict-of-interest code and has determined that (Check one box):

An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:
(Mark all that apply.)

- Include new positions.
- Revise disclosure categories.
- Revise the titles of existing positions.
- Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions.
- Other (describe) _____

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No amendment is required.

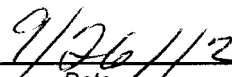
The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.

Verification

The agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions; the disclosure categories assigned to those positions accurately require the disclosure of all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding the designated positions; and the code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.



Signature of Chief Executive Officer



Date

Complete this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended.
Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2012**, or the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

(PLACE RETURN ADDRESS OF CODE REVIEWING BODY HERE)

4801 Sisk Rd., Salida, CA 95368

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

**Conflict Of Interest
Board Bylaws**

BB 9270 (a)

The Governing Board desires to maintain the highest ethical standards and help ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the district and the public. In accordance with law, Board members and designated employees shall disclose any conflict of interest and, as necessary, shall abstain from participating in the decision.

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

The Board shall adopt a resolution that specifies the terms of the district's conflict of interest code, the district's designated positions, and the disclosure categories required for each position.

Upon direction by the code reviewing body, the Board shall review the district's conflict of interest code and submit any changes to the code reviewing body.

When a change in the district's conflict of interest code is necessitated due to changed circumstances, such as the creation of new designated positions, changes to the duties assigned to existing positions, amendments or revisions, the amended code shall be submitted to the code reviewing body within 90 days. (Government Code 87306)

When reviewing and preparing the district's conflict of interest codes, the Superintendent or designee shall provide officers, employees, consultants and members of the community adequate notice and a fair opportunity to present their views. (Government Code 87311)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Board members and designated employees shall annually file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 in accordance with the disclosure categories specified in the district's conflict of interest code. A Board member who leaves office or a designated employee who leaves district employment shall, within 30 days, file a revised statement covering the period of time between the closing date of the last statement and the date of leaving office or district employment. (Government Code 87302, 87500)

(cf. 4117.2/4217.2/4317.2 - Resignation)

(cf. 9222 - Resignation)

Conflict of Interest under the Political Reform Act

A Board member or designated employee shall not make, participate in making, or in any way use or attempt to use his/her official position to influence a governmental decision in which he/she knows or has reason to know that he/she has a disqualifying conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists if the decision will have a "reasonably foreseeable material financial effect" on one or more of the Board member's or designated employee's "economic interests," unless the effect is indistinguishable from the effect on the public generally or the Board member's or designated employee's participation is legally required. (Government Code 87100, 87101, 87103; 2 CCR 18700-18709)

A Board member or designated employee makes a governmental decision when, acting within the authority of his/her office or position, he/she votes on a matter, appoints a person, obligates or commits the district to any course of action, or enters into any contractual agreement on behalf of the district. (2 CCR 18702.1)

A Board member who has a disqualifying conflict of interest on an agenda item that will be heard in an open meeting of the Board shall abstain from voting on the matter. He/she may remain on the dais, but his/her presence shall not be counted towards achieving a quorum for that matter. A Board member with a disqualifying conflict of interest shall not be present during a closed session meeting of the Board when the decision is considered and shall not obtain or review a recording or any other nonpublic information regarding the issue. (2 CCR 18702.1)

Additional Requirements for Boards that Manage Public Investments

A Board member who manages public investments pursuant to Government Code 87200 and who has a financial interest in a decision shall, upon identifying a conflict or potential conflict of interest and immediately prior to the consideration of the matter, do all of the following: (Government Code 87105; 2 CCR 18702.5)

1. Publicly identify each financial interest that gives rise to the conflict or potential conflict of interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public, except that disclosure of the exact street address of a residence is not required.
2. Recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter, or otherwise acting in violation of Government Code 87100. The Board member shall not be counted toward achieving a quorum while the item is discussed.

However, the Board member may speak on the issue during the time that the general public speaks on it and may leave the dais to speak from the same area as members of the public. He/she may listen to the public discussion of the matter with members of the public.

3. Leave the room until after the discussion, vote, and any other disposition of the matter is concluded, unless the matter has been placed on the portion of the agenda reserved for uncontested matters.

If the item is on the consent calendar, the Board member must recuse himself/herself from discussing or voting on that matter, but the Board member is not required to leave the room during consideration of the consent calendar.

4. If the Board's decision is made during closed session, disclose his/her interest orally during the open session preceding the closed session. This disclosure shall be limited to a declaration that his/her recusal is because of a conflict of interest pursuant to Government Code 87100. He/she shall not be present when the item is considered in closed session and shall not knowingly obtain or review a recording or any other nonpublic information regarding the Board's decision.

(cf. 3430 - Investing)

Conflict of Interest under Government Code 1090

Board members, employees, or district consultants shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the Board on behalf of the district, including in the development, preliminary discussions, negotiations, compromises, planning, reasoning, and specifications and solicitations for bids. If a Board member has such a financial interest, the district is barred from entering into the contract. (Government Code 1090; Klistoff v. Superior Court, (2007) 157 Cal.App. 4th 469)

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if his/her interest is a "noninterest" as defined in Government Code 1091.5. One such noninterest is when a Board member's spouse/registered domestic partner has been a district employee for at least one year prior to the Board member's election or appointment. (Government Code 1091.5)

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if he/she has only a "remote interest" in the contract as specified in Government Code 1091 and if the remote interest is disclosed during a Board meeting and noted in the official Board minutes. The affected Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member to enter into the contract. (Government Code 1091)

Even if there is not a prohibited conflict of interest, a Board member shall abstain from voting on personnel matters that uniquely affect his/her relatives. However, a Board member may vote on collective bargaining agreements and personnel matters that affect a class of employees to which his/her relative belongs. Relative means an adult who is related to the Board member by blood or affinity within the third degree, as determined by the common law, or an individual in an adoptive relationship within the third degree. (Education Code 35107)

A relationship within the third degree includes an individual's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse/registered domestic partner unless the individual is widowed or divorced.

Common Law Doctrine Against Conflict of Interest

A Board member shall abstain from any official action in which his/her private or personal interest may conflict with his/her official duties.

Rule of Necessity or Legally Required Participation

On a case-by-case basis and upon advice of legal counsel, a Board member with a financial interest in a contract may participate in the making of the contract if the rule of necessity or legally required participation applies pursuant to Government Code 87101 and 2 CCR 18708.

Incompatible Offices and Activities

Board members shall not engage in any employment or activity or hold any office which is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with, or inimical to the Board member's duties as an officer of the district. (Government Code 1099, 1126)

(cf. 4136/4236/4336 - Nonschool Employment)

Gifts

Board members and designated employees may accept gifts only under the conditions and limitations specified in Government Code 89503 and 2 CCR 18730.

The limitation on gifts does not apply to wedding gifts and gifts exchanged between individuals on birthdays, holidays, and other similar occasions, provided that the gifts exchanged are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Government Code 89503)

Gifts of travel and related lodging and subsistence shall be subject to the current gift limitation except as described in Government Code 89506.

A gift of travel does not include travel provided by the district for Board members and designated employees. (Government Code 89506)

Honoraria

Board members and designated employees shall not accept any honorarium, which is defined as any payment made in consideration for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any public or private gathering, in accordance with law. (Government Code 89501, 89502)

The term honorarium does not include: (Government Code 89501)

1. Earned income for personal services customarily provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade, or profession unless the sole or predominant activity of the business, trade, or profession is making speeches
2. Any honorarium which is not used and, within 30 days after receipt, is either returned to the donor or delivered to the district for donation into the general fund without being claimed as a deduction from income for tax purposes

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1006 Qualifications for holding office

35107 School district employees

35230-35240 Corrupt practices, especially:

35233 Prohibitions applicable to members of governing boards

41000-41003 Moneys received by school districts

FAMILY CODE

297.5 Rights, protections, and benefits of registered domestic partners

GOVERNMENT CODE

1090-1099 Prohibitions applicable to specified officers

1125-1129 Incompatible activities

81000-91014 Political Reform Act of 1974, especially:

82011 Code reviewing body

87100-87103.6 General prohibitions

87200-87210 Disclosure

87300-87313 Conflict of interest code

87500 Statements of economic interests

89501-89503 Honoraria and gifts

91000-91014 Enforcement

PENAL CODE

85-88 Bribes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

18110-18997 Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, especially:

18702.5 Public identification of a conflict of interest for Section 87200 filers

COURT DECISIONS

Klistoff v. Superior Court, (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 469

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

92 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 26 (2009)

92 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 19 (2009)

89 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 217 (2006)

Conflict Of Interest (continued)

BB 9270 (e)

- 86 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 138(2003)
- 85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 60 (2002)
- 82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 83 (1999)
- 81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 327 (1998)
- 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 320 (1997)
- 69 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1986)
- 68 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 171 (1985)
- 65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 606 (1982)
- 63 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 868 (1980)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest: Overview of Key Issues for Governing Board Members, Fact Sheet, July 2010

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Can I Vote? A Basic Overview of Public Officials' Obligations Under the Conflict-of-Interest Rules, 2005

INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Understanding the Basics of Public Service Ethics: Personal Financial Gain Laws, 2009

Understanding the Basics of Public Service Ethics: Transparency Laws, 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

Institute of Local Government: <http://www.ca-ilg.org>

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Bylaw

adopted: September 18, 2012

SALIDA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salida, California

**BEFORE THE SALIDA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
No. 1213-05**

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government Code 87300-87313, requires each public agency in California to adopt a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Salida Union School District has previously adopted a local conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, past and future amendments to the Political Reform Act and implementing regulations may require conforming amendments to be made to the district's conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, a regulation adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, 2 CCR 18730, provides that incorporation by reference of the terms of that regulation, along with an agency-specific appendix designating positions and disclosure categories shall constitute the adoption and amendment of a conflict of interest code in conformance with Government Code 87300 and 87306; and

WHEREAS, the Salida Union School District has recently reviewed its positions, and the duties of each position, and has determined that changes to the current conflict of interest code are necessary; and

WHEREAS, any earlier resolutions, bylaws, and/or appendices containing the district's conflict of interest code shall be rescinded and superseded by this resolution and Appendix; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Salida Union School District Governing Board adopts the following Conflict of Interest Code including its Appendix of Designated Employees and Disclosure Categories.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th day of September, 2012 at a meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT: 1

Attest:


Clerk, Board of Trustees

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**Conflict of Interest Code of the
Salida Union School District**

The provisions of 2 CCR 18730 and any amendments to it adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with the attached Appendix specifying designated positions and disclosure categories, are incorporated by reference and shall constitute the district's conflict of interest code.

Governing Board members and designated employees shall file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 in accordance with the disclosure categories listed in the attached Appendix. The Statement of Economic Interest shall be filed with the district's filing officer at 4801 Sisk Road, Salida, CA 95368, and/or, if so required, with the district's code reviewing body. The district's filing officer shall make the statements available for public review and inspection.

APPENDIX

Disclosure Categories

1. **Category 1:** A person designated Category 1 shall disclose:
 - a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
 - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the district, are contractors or subcontractors which are or have been within the past two years engaged in work or services of the type used by the district, or manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the district.
2. **Category 2:** A person designated Category 2 shall disclose:
 - a. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are contractors or subcontractors engaged in work or services of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs.
 - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)

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- 3. **Full Disclosure:** Because it has been determined that the district's Board members and/or Superintendent "manage public investments," they and other persons designated for "full disclosure" shall disclose, in accordance with Government Code 87200:
 - a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
 - b. Investments, business positions, and sources of income, including gifts, loans, and travel payments.

Designated Positions

<u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Disclosure Category</u>
Governing Board Members	1
Superintendent of Schools	1
Assistant/Associate Superintendent	1
Purchasing Agent	1
Director	2
Principal	2
Maintenance and Operations Director	2
Program Coordinator	2
Project Specialist	2
Supervisor	2
Dean of Students	2

Disclosures for Consultants

Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

A consultant is an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, makes a governmental decision whether to: (2 CCR 18701)

- 1. Approve a rate, rule, or regulation
- 2. Adopt or enforce a law
- 3. Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke a permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)

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4. Authorize the district to enter into, modify, or renew a contract that requires district approval
5. Grant district approval to a contract that requires district approval and in which the district is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract
6. Grant district approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item
7. Adopt or grant district approval of district policies, standards, or guidelines

A consultant is also an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, serves in a staff capacity with the district and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in 2 CCR 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the district that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the district's conflict of interest code. (2 CCR 18701)

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Exhibit
version: October 16, 2012

SALIDA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salida, California

2012 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Empire Union School District

Mailing Address: 116 N. McClure Road - Modesto, CA 95357

Contact Person: Claudia L. Vicino Office Phone No: (209) 521-2800, Ext. 2216

E-mail: cvicino@empire.k12.ca.us Fax No: (209) 526-6421

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code requires disclosure by agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict-of-interest code and has determined that (Check one box):

An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:

(Mark all that apply.)

Include new positions.

Revise disclosure categories.

Revise the titles of existing positions.

Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions.

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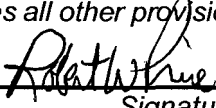
No amendment is required.

The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.

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Verification

The agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions; the disclosure categories assigned to those positions accurately require the disclosure of all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding the designated positions; and the code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.


Signature of Chief Executive Officer

10/17/12
Date

Complete this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended.
Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2012**, or the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Suite 6700
Modesto, CA 95354

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

Empire Union SD

Board Bylaw

Conflict Of Interest

BB 9270

Board Bylaws

Conflict of Interest

Governing Board members shall not engage in any employment or activity which is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with or inimical to the Board member's duties as an officer of the district. (Government Code 1126)

Board members and designated employees shall adhere to the district's conflict of interest code adopted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code 87300 and attached hereto.

ATTACHMENT A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Political Reform Act, Government Code 81000, et seq., requires each state and local government agency to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 CCR 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. It can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 CCR 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the attached Appendix consisting of this Attachment A and Attachments B through D, in which members and employees are designated (Attachment B) and disclosure categories (Attachment C) are set forth, and the place of filing is specified (Attachment D), shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Empire Union School District.

Designated employees shall file statements of economic interests with the agency. Upon receipt of the statements of the various designated members and employees, the designated agency shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the place of filing, as indicated on Attachment D.

ATTACHMENT B

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES/POSITIONS

Under provisions of the Standard Code, designated employees/positions shall file statements of

economic interest. Listed below are the designated employees/positions for the Empire Union School District and the appropriate schedules for filing:

POSITIONS DISCLOSURE CATEGORY

Members of the Board of Trustees I/II

Superintendent I/II

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources I/II

~~Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services~~ I/II

Assistant Superintendent, Business Services I/II

Director of Instructional Services I/II

Consultant(s) III
(as defined in 2 CCR 18701(a)(2))

Director of Fiscal Services II

Director of Food Services II

Director of Maintenance and Operations II

Director of Transportation II

ATTACHMENT C

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES FOR DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES/POSITIONS

CATEGORY 1

Designated employees assigned to this category must report:

- a. Interests in real property which are located, in whole or in part: (1) within the boundaries of the district, (2) within two miles of the boundaries of the district, or (3) within two miles of any land owned or used by the district, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property;
- b. Investments and business positions in business entities or income from sources which engage in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the jurisdiction;
- c. Investments and business positions in business entities or income from sources which:

(1) are contractors or subcontractors engaged in the performance of work or services of the type utilized by the district, or (2) which manufacture, sell or provide supplies, materials, books, machinery, services or equipment of the type utilized by the district.

CATEGORY II

Designated employees assigned to this category must report:

Investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income which provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of the type utilized by employee's department or district. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.

CATEGORY III

Consultants shall disclose, pursuant to broadest disclosure category and the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Superintendent may determine, in writing, that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that limited in scope and, thus, is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements. The Superintendent's determination shall be a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code.

ATTACHMENT D
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLACE OF FILING

DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES/POSITIONS

Where: Empire Union School District

The district shall maintain a copy of each "Statement of Financial Interests" form a the district and the original Statements shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1100 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Legal Reference:
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35239 Compensation for board members in districts under 70 ADA

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82028 Definition of gifts

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69 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1986)

68 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 171 (1985)

65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 606 (1982)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

Bylaw EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: January 11, 2007 Modesto, California

revised: November 1, 2012 Modesto, California

Ceres Unified School District

"Committed to Excellence, Responsive to Every Student"

BOARD MEMBERS:

*Jim Kinard, President
Mike Welsh, Clerk
Betty Davis
Valli Wigt
Lourdes Perez
Teresa Guerrero
Faye Lane*

SUPERINTENDENT:

Scott Siegel, Ed.D.

October 24, 2012

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Suite 6700
Modesto, CA 95354

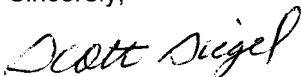
RE: 2012 Conflict of Interest Nonsubstantive Amendment

Dear Supervisors:

As requested by the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors, please find enclosed a nonsubstantive amendment to the Ceres Unified School District Conflict of Interest Code, Board Bylaw (BB) 9270, which specifies the filing location of the Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700s). This revision was approved by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting of October 16, 2012, and is in addition to a code amendment approved by the Board on September 25, 2012, and filed with the Board of Supervisors along with our 2012 Local Agency Biennial Notice.

Please contact me should you have questions or if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Scott Siegel, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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