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Mr. Vito Chiesa, Chairman; Mr. William O'Brien; Mr. Terry Withrow;
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Dear Mr. Vito Chiesa, Chairperson

California *Education Code* Section 1240 requires visitations to identified schools, review information in the areas noted below, and report to you the results of the visits and reviews. I am pleased to provide, for submission to your governing board at a regularly scheduled November meeting, the annual report for fiscal year 2013-14 as required by *Education Code* section 1240(c)(2)(B) pursuant to the Williams Settlement. This report presents the results of my visitations and review at Stanislaus County Office of Education schools: John B. Allard Community School, Ceres Community School and Empire Community School.

The purpose of these visits as specified in California Education Code Section 1240 was to:

- Determine if students have "sufficient" standards-aligned instructional materials in four core subject areas (English language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science), including science laboratory equipment in grades 9-12 and as appropriate, in foreign languages, and health;
- Determine if there is any facility condition that "poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff";

Before proceeding with the report, let me define some basic terms:

- "Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials" means each pupil, including English language learners, has a standards-aligned textbook, or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.
- A school facility condition that poses an "emergency or urgent threat: is a "condition that poses a threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff while at school."
- "Good Repair" means the school facilities are clean, safe and functional as determined pursuant to the school facility inspection and evaluation instrument developed by the Office of Public School Construction [Facility Inspection Tool (FIT)] or a local evaluation instrument that meets the same criteria. Each school district that receives state funding for facilities maintenance is required to establish a facilities inspection system to ensure that each of its schools is maintained in "good repair."

My findings were as follows:

Instructional Materials

Schools were reviewed for sufficient textbooks and instructional materials.

School	Review Date	# of Classrooms/Areas Visited	Textbook/Instructional Materials Needed
John B. Allard Community School	8/29/13	9	0
Ceres Community School	8/29/13	17	0
Empire Community School	8/29/13	2	0

School Facilities

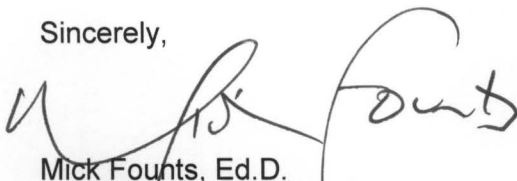
Schools were reviewed for condition of facilities, whether they were in "good repair" or pose an "emergency."

School	Review Date	Classrooms/ Areas	Facility Deficiencies Identified	Emergency	Correction/ Action Taken
John B. Allard	8/29/13	9 Classes Visited			SCOE M&O is in the process of addressing the items identified at the three schools visited.
		9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
		13			
		14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken ceiling light cover 		
		Physical Exercise Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaking sprinkler valve causing wet grass area 5'x5' 		
		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceiling tile torn in restroom 		
		8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights out • Ceiling tile loose 		
Ceres Community School	8/29/13	17 Classes Visited			
		I S Room			
		Restrooms			
		12			
		Computer Lab			
		10			
		9			
		8			
		7			
		6			

		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty floor • Papers and folders scattered 		
		2			
		Portable Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys – Dirty 		
		ED1			
		ED2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls – Light does not consistently come on 		
		ED3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red stains on walls 		
		ED4			
		Kitchen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key needed – Classroom which allows access to the kitchen needs to have an extra key for Food Service Worker, safety issue during lock downs 		
Empire Community School	8/29/13	2 Classes Visited			
		1			
		2			

In conclusion, the visitations at Stanislaus County Office of Education schools was a positive, professional experience with a focus by the staff on seeking to improve the learning of each student at the schools. If I can be of further assistance to you please contact me at San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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