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Dr. Michael W. Kirst
President
California State Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Kirst:

This morning, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) received a request for waivers under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, from nine local educational agencies that are members of the California Office to Reform Education (CORE). I understand that the districts' request has been provided to the California State Board of Education (SBE) for its comments.

In order to ensure that the Department has sufficient time to review the districts' request, I ask that you provide the SBE's comments on the request no later than March 22, 2013. You may provide the SBE's comments by sending them to Laura Jimenez at Laura.Jimenez@ed.gov.

Please note that we intend to forward the request to outside peer reviewers to begin the review process on March 25, 2013. The Department would, of course, give due consideration to any comments we receive from the SBE after that date, but late receipt of the comments may result in the peers' being unable to consider the comments as they review and provide feedback on the request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Jimenez at the email address above or by phone at (202) 260-7052. In the meantime, thank you in advance for your review and comments on the districts' waiver request, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Deborah S. Delisle

cc: Honorable Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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