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August 15, 2017

Vikki Robinson, President  
Members, Board of Trustees  
Brent Cushenbery, Superintendent  
Arena Union Elementary School District  
P.O. Box 87  
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Re: LCAP/Budget Approval Clarification Letter

Dear Superintendent, President and Members of the Board:

In accordance with the provision of California Education Code (E.C.) Section 52070, the Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools (MCOE) has conducted a review of the Arena Union Elementary School District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) approved by the board on June 21, 2017. This correspondence is a request for clarification about the contents of your district's LCAP or annual update to the LCAP.

The role of the County Superintendent is to ensure that district LCAPs reflect stakeholder input and provide the community with a thorough framework of district spending priorities, especially as it relates to concentration and supplemental funding for the LCFF target populations of English Language Learners, low-income students, and foster youth. Pursuant to Education Code Section 52070(d), the County Superintendent shall approve a district's LCAP on or before October 8, 2017 if it meets all of the following criteria:

1. The LCAP adheres to the template and requirements adopted by the State Board of Education
2. The budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and strategies included in the LCAP.
3. The LCAP adheres to the expenditure requirements for funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students, pursuant to Sections 42238.02 and 42238.03.

The MCOE LCAP review team has met with the district's administration to correct the LCAP that was approved by the Board in June. At this time, the LCAP does not meet any of the above criteria and cannot be reviewed by MCOE staff. Steps must be taken to address the identified issues provided to your administration and the SBE LCAP template must be resubmitted.

Please contact Paul Joens Poulton or Chris Francis at MCOE to further discuss the additional information required for MCOE review and approval.

Clarification Timeline

In accordance with Education Code Section 52070 (b), a County Superintendent may seek clarification, in writing, from the governing board of a school district about the contents of the LCAP or annual update to the LCAP. Within 15 days of that request, the governing board must respond with an amended LCAP. Within 15 days of receiving the response from the governing board of the school district, the County Superintendent will review the amended LCAP and annual update. The board shall consider the recommendations submitted by the County Superintendent of Schools in a public meeting and approve the final amended LCAP prior to October 8, 2017.

Education Code Section 42127(d)(1) states that the County Superintendent shall disapprove a budget if he/she determines that the budget does not include the expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP. Therefore, the County Superintendent must receive the LCAP that meets all required criteria in order to make this determination by the budget approval deadline of September 15, 2017 or the district will receive a conditional budget approval.

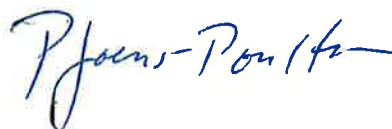
Please submit a response, and amended LCAP by September 1, 2017.

Your attention and assistance in this matter is appreciated. We look forward to receiving the amended LCAP and annual update. We look forward to our continued partnership in developing your district's LCAP and annual update that reflects the needs of your community and adequately outlines the expenditures of LCFF funding. Please contact Paul Joens Poulton or Chris Francis if you have any questions or are in need of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Superintendent,  
Business and Administrative Services



Paul Joens Poulton  
Associate Superintendent,  
Educational Services

cc: Catherine Chin, Business Manager  
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