



Alameda County Office of Education

L. Karen Monroe Superintendent of Schools

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The Honorable Keely Bosler, Director
California Department of Finance
915 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
California State Assembly Committee on Budget
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Bosler, Chairperson Mitchell and Committee Members, and Chairperson Ting and Committee Members:

On April 24, 2019 FCMAT submitted a letter updating you on Assembly Bill 1840 with regard to Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). I am writing to follow up and clarify an item contained within FCMAT's letter pertaining to the cost allocation of the Alameda County Office of Education's (ACOE) Intensive Support and Technical Assistance to OUSD, referenced in the Conclusion section of FCMAT's letter.

ACOE's Intensive Support and Technical Assistance for April – June 2019 will be paid for by ACOE. It will not be a cost incurred by OUSD and therefore is not part of OUSD's current year deficit.

After June 30, 2019, ACOE and OUSD will assess the need for ACOE's continued support of OUSD's fiscal operations and will evaluate funding options in order to minimize the immediate fiscal impact of this assistance on OUSD.

Should it be determined by ACOE and OUSD that continued assistance is necessary, ACOE's initial estimate for Intensive Support and Technical Assistance from July - December 2019 is \$602,000. As referenced in FCMAT's March 1 and April 24 letters, the

cost of ACOE's assistance may be calculated into OUSD's projected operating deficit for 2019-20 and may be funded through the Budget Act in accordance with Education Code Section 42160(b)(1). Should the Budget Act allocate such funding to OUSD, ACOE will assume the remaining portion of costs associated with ACOE's assistance.

It is my hope that this information clarifies the cost allocations for the support being provided by my office to OUSD. The intent of this assistance is to help the District's fiscal recovery and not to create additional strain during this tenuous period for OUSD's fiscal health.

Sincerely,



L. Karen Monroe

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