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Isa Sheikh Student Board Member Elaine M. Howle California State Auditor 621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: October Update

Dear Ms. Howle:

This letter is the October update from the Sacramento City Unified School District (District) consistent with your request that the District provide monthly updates to keep your office apprised of important developments related to our budget and the recommendations contained in the audit report.

The District is pleased to share that it plans to meet with the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) on October 13, 2020, to discuss our successor contract as well as planning for eventually returning students to physical school sites. We are hopeful that we will receive a response to the District's proposals that were passed between August and December of 2019, including the important proposal targeted at lowering the District's healthcare plan costs.

Business Department Update

Due to the District's 2020-21 Adopted Budget disapproval by Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), the District was required to present a revised budget for adoption. At the October 1, 2020, Board Meeting, District CBO Rose Ramos presented the <u>District's Revised</u> <u>Budget, including an updated cash flow at item 9.1</u>. SCOE will also be required to disapprove the revised budget due to the District not meeting the 2% minimum required reserve in all years. The budget projects a negative cash balance by June 30, 2021. Accordingly, District staff is busy working on an updated Fiscal Recovery Plan to address its serious fiscal needs. More information will be provided as the District approaches the First Interim Budget Report in December.

In addition, the Business Department has obtained a template of a Multi-Year Projection Methodology from a large neighboring district. The team is working to prepare a draft MYP protocols/procedures document for the District consistent with best practices. We expect that this work will continue with a goal toward completing same by December 2020.

Sincerely

Jorge A. Aguilar Superintendent