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## San Joaquin County Office of Education

James A. Mousalimas, County Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Dick Monteith, Chairman; Mr. William O'Brien, Vice Chairman Mr. Terry Withrow; Mr. Jim DeMartini and Mr. Vito Chiesa Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6800 Modesto. California 95354

Dear Chairman Monteith.

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 2016-17 as required by *Education Code* section 1240(c)(2)(B) pursuant to the Williams Settlement. This report presents the results of our 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" mean 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."

Our 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	9/2/16	10	0
Ceres Community School	9/2/16	9	0
Empire Community School	9/2/16	3	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	9/2/16	10 Classes/Areas Visited			Stanislaus M&O is in the process of addressing the deficiencies identified at the three schools visited.
		Office			
		Restrooms			
	Grounds	Blacktop has cracks and needs to be resealed     Concrete walk areas uneven – need to be ground down to avoid trip hazards     Trees out front need trimming of dead wood	×		
		Room 9			
		Room 13			
		Room 11			
		Library/Book Room			
	Room 14				
		Room 10			
		Cafeteria			
		Counseling			

Ceres Community	9/2/16	9 Classes/Areas Visited			
		Room 202			
		Room 201			
		Room 200			
		Multipurpose Room			
		Kitchen			
		Restrooms			
		Grounds			
		Office			
		Library			
Empire Community	9/2/16	3 Classes/Areas Visited			
		Room 1	<ul> <li>Surfaces chipped – room needs a fresh coat of paint</li> </ul>		
		Restrooms	Needs fresh coat of paint		
		Grounds			

In conclusion, the visitations at Stanislaus County Office of Education schools were positive, professional experiences 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 the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Sincerely,

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