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- 8. Notwithstanding the ranking of schools on the Agreed List and notwithstanding any other term of this settlement, the LAUSD Superintendent of Schools shall retain the ultimate authority and responsibility to set the amount of funds to be reallocated to each school on the Agreed List, and to approve the expenditure of Reallocated Funds at each school, premised on annual reviews of student achievement at each school. Decisions of the Superintendent regarding the allocation of Reallocated Funding among schools on the Agreed List or the disapproval of certain expenditures of those funds shall not result in any reduction to the total amount of Reallocated Funding required under this settlement. It is the intention of the Parties that schools on the Agreed List which show improvement on the California Dashboard's Indicators of School Success should receive allocations of Reallocated Funding each fiscal year proportional to their duplicated count as a percentage of the total duplicated count at all schools on the Agreed List.
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- 10. Should the LAUSD Superintendent or his/her designee determine that a revised expenditure plan submitted by a school pursuant to paragraph 9 is not satisfactory, or should the school not timely submit a revised plan, the Superintendent or his/her designee may disapprove of the proposed plan and may devise a different plan for the expenditure of those funds on programs consistent with paragraph 13, according to his/her sole discretion.
- Notwithstanding the process outlined in paragraphs 9 and 10, 11. the District shall, on or before July 15, 2017, provide Principals of schools on the Agreed List a calculation of the Reallocated Funding that will be presumptively allocated to their school for the 2017-18 school year. Those Principals may within 25 school days thereafter submit a plan for the immediate expenditure of some or all of that Reallocated Funding during the 2017-18 school year (an "Immediate Expenditure Plan"). The Superintendent or his/her designee shall either approve, modify, or deny the school's proposed Immediate Expenditure Plan on an expedited basis after its submission by the Principal and no later than twenty (20) school days after the plan has been submitted by the Principal. Should the Superintendent disapprove of all or part of an Immediate Expenditure Plan, any Reallocated Funding allocated to that school for the 2017-18 school year that was referenced in the denied elements of the Immediate Expenditure Plan would remain allocated to that school, and the Principal of that school shall include revised plans for the expenditure of those funds in its proposed Two-Year Plan.
- 12. With respect to the Reallocated Funding presumptively reallocated under this settlement for the 2019-20 school year, the Principals of the schools on the Agreed List shall propose, as part of the annual school site budget development calendar and process in the spring of 2019, a plan for the expenditure of those Reallocated Funds by the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- 13. All proposed plans referenced in the preceding paragraphs must specify the specific services to be provided, the amounts to be expended on those services, and the instructional program or programmatic goals to be supported by the expenditure.
- 14. All Reallocated Funds allocated pursuant to this settlement, other than the General Fund component of carryover that is deemed Reallocated Funding for the purpose of this Agreement, must be expended upon services that qualify as supplemental and concentration expenditures

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pursuant to LCFF statutes and regulations and that support one or more of the following programs:

- a. Significant increases in investment in high need students, including academic support and mental health, social, and emotional support
- b. Increasing A-G and AP access and completion for high need students, including A-G Intervention and Recovery
- c. Linked Learning
- d. School Climate initiatives including Restorative Justice
- e. High School Graduation & Student Recovery for Drop Out Prevention for high need students
- f. Parent & Community Engagement, particularly for those from high need communities

The Superintendent or his/her designee will encourage schools on the Agreed List to spend any carryover funding from the 2016-17 school year on the programs identified in this paragraph.

- 15. Unspent Reallocated Funding in the 2017-18 school year may be carried over to the 2018-19 school year by the schools on the Agreed List. The schools receiving Reallocated Funding under this settlement must spend down all reallocations for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years by June 30, 2019; any Reallocated Funding unspent by that date will be carried over for further reallocation by the Superintendent or his/her designee among some or all of the 50 schools on the Agreed List at the Superintendent's sole discretion. It is the intention of the Parties that the carryover funds reallocated by the Superintendent or his/her designee pursuant to this paragraph should be reallocated to support ongoing successful programs from the Two-Year plans of schools on the Agreed List, but that the Superintendent or his/her designee retain the discretion to reallocate funds to address particularized needs at any school on the Agreed List.
- 16. All Reallocated Funding unspent as of June 30, 2020, will be carried over to the 2020-21 school year and may be used by the District for any District purpose.

17.	The financial terms outlined in this document reflect the sole
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settlement of this case. The Parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.

- 18. All Parties understand that LAUSD may identify on any future LCAP or revised LCAP all or any part of an amount no less than the Reallocated Funding provided pursuant to this Agreement, minus the General Fund component of carryover that is deemed Reallocated Funding for the purpose of this Agreement, as supplemental and concentration spending by LAUSD under the LCFF. If LAUSD includes actions/services supported by such spending as contributing towards meeting the requirement to proportionally increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils over services for all pupils, LAUSD must conform to the requirements set forth in Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 15496.
- 19. All Parties agree that the 2017-2018 LCAP approved and adopted by LAUSD Board of Education on or about June 20, 2017 is compliant with the required corrective actions issued in the August 5, 2016 CDE Ruling. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Parties acknowledge the CDE's duty under Education Code section 52075 to review any appeal filed by a person or entity not party to this Agreement challenging LAUSD's 2017-18 LCAP. The District agrees to abide by the August 5, 2016 CDE Ruling and the required corrective actions ordered therein by the CDE. Petitioners agree not to assert claims or otherwise challenge any aspect of the 2017-18 District LCAP.
- 20. Within fifteen days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Petitioners shall request dismissal of the Action with prejudice, as to all parties and all causes of action, and the District shall request dismissal of its Cross-Complaint with prejudice, as to all parties and all causes of action. However, nothing in this Agreement is a waiver of Petitioners' or the District's rights to enforce this Agreement in court prior to or subsequent to dismissal.
- 21. By executing this Agreement and the Releases contained herein, none of the Parties admits to the truth and merit of the positions asserted by any other party or the falsity or lack of merit in the positions asserted by it with respect to any matters arising from or relating to any Party's claims or defenses.
- 22. Each of the Parties hereto warrants that it and its agents will cooperate with each and every other party to carry out, effectuate, and accomplish the terms of this Agreement.

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- 23. It is further expressly understood and agreed that if at any time a violation of any term of this Agreement is asserted by any party hereto, said party shall have the right, after communicating any alleged violation in writing to the other Parties and reasonably working to resolve the alleged violation in collaboration with the other Parties, to seek specific performance of said term or any other necessary and proper relief from any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 24. In the event any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or the Attachments are found to be legally unenforceable, then the remaining terms and conditions shall nevertheless be enforceable without regard to any such provisions or terms that are found to be legally unenforceable. Should any provision be deemed unenforceable, the Parties shall promptly commence negotiations to replace said provisions with a substitute provision that accomplishes the same end, or as close thereto, as possible, consistent with the Court's ruling invalidating an original provision.
- 25. The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement constitutes the sole Agreement among them as to the subject matter of this Agreement, and that in signing this Agreement they have not waived relief on any other promises, inducements, or representations other than as expressly set forth herein in deciding to sign this Agreement. Any modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by all Parties to this agreement.
- 26. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 27. In consideration of the promises set forth herein, Petitioners hereby unconditionally release and forever discharge the District and the CDE and their respective Board members, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all known or unknown claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to the Dispute, or to the claims and defenses asserted therein, that existed at any time on or before the date of their signing this Agreement ("Petitioners' Released Claims"). The District likewise hereby unconditionally releases and forever discharges the CDE and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all known or unknown claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to the Dispute, or to the claims and defenses asserted therein, that existed at any time on or before the date of their signing this Agreement ("the District's Released Claims"). Through the

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- 28. Each party to this Agreement expressly affirms and acknowledges that he, she or it understands the significance and consequence of the Release set forth above and of such specific waiver of Civil Code Section 1542, and expressly agrees that this Agreement shall be given full force and effect according to each and all of its express terms and provisions, including those relating to unknown and unsuspected claims, demands, obligations and causes of action herein above specified.
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	1 600	Michelle King
		Superintendent
		Los Angeles Unified School District
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Dated: September 13, 2017 By:

Alberto Retana

President and Chief Executive Officer

Petitioner Community Coalition of South Los

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Dated: September 13, 2017 By: Reyna Frias

Petitioner

Approved as to form and content:		
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Dated: September /3, 2017	By:	Laura Muschamp
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Dated: September , 2017	By:	
		David Holmquist
		General Counsel
		Office of the General Counsel
		Los Angeles Unified School District
Dated: September, 2017	By:	
		Gregory Luke Partner
		Strumwasser & Woocher LLP

ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT

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10	John H. Liechty Middle
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12	Charles Maclay Middle
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those Carryover Funds shall be deemed Reallocated Funding allocated to that school pursuant to this settlement, and shall count towards satisfaction of the District's obligation to reallocate funding under this settlement. The total Carryover Funds that shall be deemed Reallocated Funding sum to \$20,914,831.00.

- 8. Notwithstanding the ranking of schools on the Agreed List and notwithstanding any other term of this settlement, the LAUSD Superintendent of Schools shall retain the ultimate authority and responsibility to set the amount of funds to be reallocated to each school on the Agreed List, and to approve the expenditure of Reallocated Funds at each school, premised on annual reviews of student achievement at each school. Decisions of the Superintendent regarding the allocation of Reallocated Funding among schools on the Agreed List or the disapproval of certain expenditures of those funds shall not result in any reduction to the total amount of Reallocated Funding required under this settlement. It is the intention of the Parties that schools on the Agreed List which show improvement on the California Dashboard's Indicators of School Success should receive allocations of Reallocated Funding each fiscal year proportional to their duplicated count as a percentage of the total duplicated count at all schools on the Agreed List.
- The District shall provide Principals of Schools on the Agreed list with a calculation of the Reallocated Funding presumptively allocated to their schools under this settlement for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, combined, on or before July 28, 2017. After receiving this calculation, and with respect to the Reallocated Funding presumptively allocated under this settlement for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years combined, the Principal of the school to which funds are reallocated shall propose a plan for the expenditure of those combined Reallocated Funds by the end of the 2018-19 school year (a "Two-Year Plan"). The Two-Year Plan shall incorporate the terms of any Immediate Expenditure plan that may have been previously submitted pursuant to paragraph 11 and approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The schools on the Agreed List will be invited and encouraged to submit a Two-Year Plan as early as possible but no later than October 31, 2017. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall either approve or request modification of the school's proposed plan within 20 school days after its submission by the Principal and no later than November 28, 2017. If the Superintendent or his/her designee requests modification of the proposed plan, the Principal shall have 20 school days after notice of the request for modification to submit a revised plan.

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- 10. Should the LAUSD Superintendent or his/her designee determine that a revised expenditure plan submitted by a school pursuant to paragraph 9 is not satisfactory, or should the school not timely submit a revised plan, the Superintendent or his/her designee may disapprove of the proposed plan and may devise a different plan for the expenditure of those funds on programs consistent with paragraph 13, according to his/her sole discretion.
- Notwithstanding the process outlined in paragraphs 9 and 10, 11. the District shall, on or before July 15, 2017, provide Principals of schools on the Agreed List a calculation of the Reallocated Funding that will be presumptively allocated to their school for the 2017-18 school year. Those Principals may within 25 school days thereafter submit a plan for the immediate expenditure of some or all of that Reallocated Funding during the 2017-18 school year (an "Immediate Expenditure Plan"). The Superintendent or his/her designee shall either approve, modify, or deny the school's proposed Immediate Expenditure Plan on an expedited basis after its submission by the Principal and no later than twenty (20) school days after the plan has been submitted by the Principal. Should the Superintendent disapprove of all or part of an Immediate Expenditure Plan, any Reallocated Funding allocated to that school for the 2017-18 school year that was referenced in the denied elements of the Immediate Expenditure Plan would remain allocated to that school, and the Principal of that school shall include revised plans for the expenditure of those funds in its proposed Two-Year Plan.
- 12. With respect to the Reallocated Funding presumptively reallocated under this settlement for the 2019-20 school year, the Principals of the schools on the Agreed List shall propose, as part of the annual school site budget development calendar and process in the spring of 2019, a plan for the expenditure of those Reallocated Funds by the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- 13. All proposed plans referenced in the preceding paragraphs must specify the specific services to be provided, the amounts to be expended on those services, and the instructional program or programmatic goals to be supported by the expenditure.
- 14. All Reallocated Funds allocated pursuant to this settlement, other than the General Fund component of carryover that is deemed Reallocated Funding for the purpose of this Agreement, must be expended upon services that qualify as supplemental and concentration expenditures

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pursuant to LCFF statutes and regulations and that support one or more of the following programs:

- a. Significant increases in investment in high need students, including academic support and mental health, social, and emotional support
- b. Increasing A-G and AP access and completion for high need students, including A-G Intervention and Recovery
- c. Linked Learning
- d. School Climate initiatives including Restorative Justice
- e. High School Graduation & Student Recovery for Drop Out Prevention for high need students
- f. Parent & Community Engagement, particularly for those from high need communities

The Superintendent or his/her designee will encourage schools on the Agreed List to spend any carryover funding from the 2016-17 school year on the programs identified in this paragraph.

- 15. Unspent Reallocated Funding in the 2017-18 school year may be carried over to the 2018-19 school year by the schools on the Agreed List. The schools receiving Reallocated Funding under this settlement must spend down all reallocations for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years by June 30, 2019; any Reallocated Funding unspent by that date will be carried over for further reallocation by the Superintendent or his/her designee among some or all of the 50 schools on the Agreed List at the Superintendent's sole discretion. It is the intention of the Parties that the carryover funds reallocated by the Superintendent or his/her designee pursuant to this paragraph should be reallocated to support ongoing successful programs from the Two-Year plans of schools on the Agreed List, but that the Superintendent or his/her designee retain the discretion to reallocate funds to address particularized needs at any school on the Agreed List.
- 16. All Reallocated Funding unspent as of June 30, 2020, will be carried over to the 2020-21 school year and may be used by the District for any District purpose.
- 17. The financial terms outlined in this document reflect the sole and exclusive financial obligations of the Parties in connection with the

settlement of this case. The Parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.

- 18. All Parties understand that LAUSD may identify on any future LCAP or revised LCAP all or any part of an amount no less than the Reallocated Funding provided pursuant to this Agreement, minus the General Fund component of carryover that is deemed Reallocated Funding for the purpose of this Agreement, as supplemental and concentration spending by LAUSD under the LCFF. If LAUSD includes actions/services supported by such spending as contributing towards meeting the requirement to proportionally increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils over services for all pupils, LAUSD must conform to the requirements set forth in Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 15496.
- 19. All Parties agree that the 2017-2018 LCAP approved and adopted by LAUSD Board of Education on or about June 20, 2017 is compliant with the required corrective actions issued in the August 5, 2016 CDE Ruling. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Parties acknowledge the CDE's duty under Education Code section 52075 to review any appeal filed by a person or entity not party to this Agreement challenging LAUSD's 2017-18 LCAP. The District agrees to abide by the August 5, 2016 CDE Ruling and the required corrective actions ordered therein by the CDE. Petitioners agree not to assert claims or otherwise challenge any aspect of the 2017-18 District LCAP.
- 20. Within fifteen days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Petitioners shall request dismissal of the Action with prejudice, as to all parties and all causes of action, and the District shall request dismissal of its Cross-Complaint with prejudice, as to all parties and all causes of action. However, nothing in this Agreement is a waiver of Petitioners' or the District's rights to enforce this Agreement in court prior to or subsequent to dismissal.
- 21. By executing this Agreement and the Releases contained herein, none of the Parties admits to the truth and merit of the positions asserted by any other party or the falsity or lack of merit in the positions asserted by it with respect to any matters arising from or relating to any Party's claims or defenses.
- 22. Each of the Parties hereto warrants that it and its agents will cooperate with each and every other party to carry out, effectuate, and accomplish the terms of this Agreement:

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- 23. It is further expressly understood and agreed that if at any time a violation of any term of this Agreement is asserted by any party hereto, said party shall have the right, after communicating any alleged violation in writing to the other Parties and reasonably working to resolve the alleged violation in collaboration with the other Parties, to seek specific performance of said term or any other necessary and proper relief from any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 24. In the event any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or the Attachments are found to be legally unenforceable, then the remaining terms and conditions shall nevertheless be enforceable without regard to any such provisions or terms that are found to be legally unenforceable. Should any provision be deemed unenforceable, the Parties shall promptly commence negotiations to replace said provisions with a substitute provision that accomplishes the same end, or as close thereto, as possible, consistent with the Court's ruling invalidating an original provision.
- 25. The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement constitutes the sole Agreement among them as to the subject matter of this Agreement, and that in signing this Agreement they have not waived relief on any other promises, inducements, or representations other than as expressly set forth herein in deciding to sign this Agreement. Any modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by all Parties to this agreement.
- 26. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 27. In consideration of the promises set forth herein, Petitioners hereby unconditionally release and forever discharge the District and the CDE and their respective Board members, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all known or unknown claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to the Dispute, or to the claims and defenses asserted therein, that existed at any time on or before the date of their signing this Agreement ("Petitioners' Released Claims"). The District likewise hereby unconditionally releases and forever discharges the CDE and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all known or unknown claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to the Dispute, or to the claims and defenses asserted therein, that existed at any time on or before the date of their signing this Agreement ("the District's Released Claims"). Through the

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Addendum to this Agreement, CDE likewise unconditionally releases and forever discharges the District and its Board members, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all known or unknown claims, demands, actions or causes of action arising out of or relating to the matters addressed in the August 5, 2016 CDE ruling, that existed at any time on or before the date of their signing this Agreement ("the CDE's Released Claims"). This waiver does not extend to the continuing monitoring of future LCAPs as provided by the CDE Ruling. The Parties each agree to waive the provisions of Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which provides that: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN THE CREDITOR'S FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY THE CREDITOR WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED THE CREDITOR'S SETTLEMENT WITH THE **DEBTOR.**" For purposes of this section, each party is the "Creditor" with respect to any claims it had or may have had in the Dispute and the respective party or parties against whom those claims were or may have been lodged is/are the "Debtor."

- 28. Each party to this Agreement expressly affirms and acknowledges that he, she or it understands the significance and consequence of the Release set forth above and of such specific waiver of Civil Code Section 1542, and expressly agrees that this Agreement shall be given full force and effect according to each and all of its express terms and provisions, including those relating to unknown and unsuspected claims, demands, obligations and causes of action herein above specified.
- 29. Petitioners agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that they will not prosecute or allow to be prosecuted on their behalf, in any court, administrative agency or other forum, whether state or federal, any of the Petitioners', District's, or CDE's respective Released Claims as set forth above. If any such action is brought, this Agreement will constitute a complete Affirmative Defense thereto. Each of the parties hereto warrants that he, she, or it will cooperate with each and every other party to carry out, effectuate and accomplish the terms of this Agreement. Accordingly, where appropriate, and in furtherance of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each party will sign any and all additional papers and obtain and convey any and all necessary documentation to any other party.
- 30. Having read the foregoing and understood and agreed to the terms of this Agreement, consisting of a total of fourteen (14) typewritten

pages and having been advised by counsel, the parties hereby voluntarily affix their signatures. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and any copy shall be as valid and fully admissible into evidence as an original in any subsequent proceeding among the parties.

The individuals signing this Agreement, and the Parties on whose behalf such individuals are signing, hereby represent and warrant that they are empowered and authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of and to bind the Party on whose behalf they have signed this Agreement. Each Party agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other from all loss, damage or cost arising from any breach of the foregoing representation and warranty set forth in this paragraph.

Dated: September, 2017	Ву:	Michelle King Superintendent Los Angeles Unified School District
Dated: September, 2017	Ву:	Alberto Retana President and Chief Executive Officer Petitioner Community Coalition of South Los Angeles
Dated: September, 2017	Ву:	Reyna Frias Petitioner

Approved as to form and content:		
Dated: September, 2017	By:	John Affeldt Managing Attorney Public Advocates Inc.
Dated: September, 2017	Ву:	Sylvia Torres-Guillén Director of Education Equity ACLU of California
Dated: September, 2017	Ву:	Laura Muschamp Partner Covington & Burling LLP
Dated: September , 2017	By:	David Holmquist General Counsel Office of the General Counsel Los Angeles Unified School District
Dated: September, 2017	By:	Gregory Luke Partner Strumwasser & Woocher LLP

ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT

Respondents California Department of Education and Superintendent Tom Torlakson (the "CDE") joins in the Agreement in the limited capacity as set forth helow:

- The CDE agrees that the 2017-2018 LCAP approved and adopted by LAUSD Board of Education on or about June 20, 2017 is in compliance with the required corrective actions issued in the August 5, 2016 CDE ruling. This acknowledgment does not abrogate the CDE's duty under Education Code section 52075 to review any appeal filed by a person or entity challenging LAUSD's 2017-2018 LCAP, nor is it meant to usurp the role of the Los Angeles County Office of Education to review and approve LAUSD's LCAP in current and future years.
- The CDE shall continue to monitor LAUSD's LCAP as 2. provided in the August 5, 2016 CDE ruling.
- The CDE joins in paragraphs 17, 18, and paragraphs 21 through 3. 31 of the Agreement, including the waiver of Civil Code Section 1542.

Michelle Zumot Dated: September 13, 2017 By:

Chief Deputy Superintendent California Department of Education

Approved as to form and contents

Dated: September 13. 2017 By: irginia Cale

Deputy General Counsel

California Department of Education

ATTACHMENT 1 – Agreed List of Secondary Schools

Mid	dle Schools
1	Edwin Markham Middle
2	Barack Obama Global Preparation Academy
3	Horace Mann Junior High
4	Samuel Gompers Middle
5	Dr. Julian Nava Learning Academies-School of Arts and Culture
6	Dr. Julian Nava Learning Academies-School of Business and Technology
7	George Washington Carver Middle
8	John Muir Middle
9	Bret Harte Preparatory Middle
10	John H. Liechty Middle
11	Sal Castro Middle
12	Charles Maclay Middle
13	Los Angeles Academy Middle
14	William Jefferson Clinton Middle
15	Audubon Middle
16	Mary McLeod Bethune Middle
17	Berendo Middle
18	Johnnie Cochran, Jr., Middle
19	Vista Middle
20	Charles Drew Middle

ATTACHMENT 1 – Agreed List of 50 Secondary Schools (continued)

High	n Schools
1	Crenshaw Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine Magnet
2	NAVA College Preparatory Academy
3	Sylmar Biotech Health Academy
4	Manual Arts Senior High
5	Humanitas Academy of Art and Technology at Esteban E. Torres High No. 4
6	David Starr Jordan Senior High
7	Augustus F. Hawkins High B Community Health Advocates
8	Santee Education Complex
9	Dr. Maya Angelou Community High
10	Academy for Multilingual Arts and Science at Mervyn M. Dymally High
11	Augustus F. Hawkins High C Responsible Indigenous Social Entrepreneurship
12	Foshay Learning Center
13	Augustus F. Hawkins High A Critical Design and
14	Robert Fulton College Preparatory
15	East Valley Senior High
16	Sun Valley High
17	Susan Miller Dorsey Senior High
18	Theodore Roosevelt Senior High
19	George Washington Preparatory High
20	Performing Arts Community at Diego Rivera Learning Complex
21	Gardena Senior High
22	Communication and Technology at Diego Rivera Learning Complex
23	Thomas Jefferson Senior High
24	Helen Bernstein High
25	Engineering and Technology Academy at Esteban E. Torres High No. 3
26	Los Angeles River at Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies
27	Edward R. Roybal Learning Center
28	RFK Community Schools-Ambassador-Global Leadership
29	Public Service Community at Diego Rivera Learning Complex
30	Panorama High

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