

October 28, 2016

Diann Kitamura
Santa Rosa City School District
211 Ridgeway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 5401

Dear Diann:

California *Education Code* Section 1240 requires that I visit schools identified in our county, review information in the areas noted below, and report to you the results of my visits and reviews. I am pleased to provide, for submission to your governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting, the first quarterly report for fiscal year 2016-2017 as required by *Education Code* section 1240(c)(2)(G) pursuant to the Williams Settlement. This report presents the results of my visits and reviews at **Piner High, Elsie Allen High, Cook (Lawrence) Middle, Lincoln (Abraham) Elementary, Steele Lane Elementary, Comstock (Hilliard) Middle, Monroe (James) Elementary, Brook Hill Elementary and Biella (Albert F.) Elementary** the period of October 2016.

The purpose of my visit(s) as specified in California Education Code 1240 was to:

1. 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;
2. Determine if there is any facility condition that “poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff”; and
3. Determine if the school has provided accurate data on the annual school accountability report card related to the sufficiency of instructional materials and the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities, including “good repair.”

The law further requires that the county superintendent:

1. Annually monitor and review teacher misassignments and teacher vacancies in schools ranked in deciles 1-3 (2006 Base API); and
2. Receive quarterly reports on complaints filed within the school district concerning insufficient instructional materials, teacher vacancies and misassignments, and emergency or urgent facilities issues under the Uniform Complaint Procedure.

Before proceeding with the report, let me define some basic terms:

- “Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” means 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 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.”

Please extend to your governing board, administration and site staff my appreciation for their professionalism in addressing the compliance requirements for the Williams Settlement Legislation.

Sincerely,



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My findings were as follows:

Biella Elementary

Instructional Materials:

- Each pupil, including English language learners, had a standards-aligned textbook, or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home in the four core areas: (English language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science), including science laboratory equipment in grades 9-12, and, as appropriate, in foreign languages. No insufficiencies were noted at the time of the team's visitation.

Facilities:

- The school facilities were clean, safe and functional as determined pursuant to the school facility inspection and evaluation instrument. Each school was maintained and in “good repair.” No facility condition “of an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff” was noted at the time of the visit.

Misassignments:

- Our annual monitoring and review process determined the following teacher misassignments for your schools in 2015-2016: **No misassignments were reported**

SARC:

- Our review determined that the school has provided accurate data on the annual school accountability report card related to the annual Williams review in Fall of 2016.

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Piner High School:

Instructional Materials:

- Each pupil, including English language learners, had a standards-aligned textbook, or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home in the four core areas: (English language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science), including science laboratory equipment in grades 9-12, and, as appropriate, in foreign languages. No insufficiencies were noted at the time of the team's visitation.

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Elsie Allen High School

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