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CLAIM # 2019-20-101

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Richard Phillips, Clerk of the Palos Verdes
Peninsula Unified School District Board of
Education
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District
375 Via Almar
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Re: Tort Claim for Damages

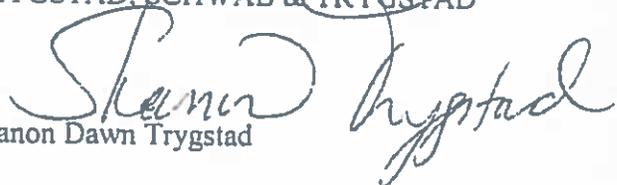
Dear Mr. Phillips:

Please find enclosed a Claim for Damages.

In that regard, we contacted the District and we were informed that the District does not have a specific claim form it requires to submit a claim for damages. We also reviewed the District's website and did not discover a specific claim form the District requires to submit a claim for damages. However, if the District has a special claim form, please let us know and we will submit a supplemental claim for damages. If we not receive notice from you within ten days of the date of this letter, we will assume that a specific claim form is not required by the District.

Very truly yours,

TRYGSTAD, SCHWAB & TRYGSTAD


Shanon Dawn Trygstad

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cc. Alex Cherniss, Ed. D., Superintendent
Keith Butler, Ph. D., Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Linda Reid, President of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of
Education
Joshua Morrison, Esq.

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9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
10 PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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12 TERESA APPY, CATHRYN BOYD,
13 MICHAEL BOYD, BARBARA CLEVINGER,
14 LEAH CRYAN, DONNA DUNLAP, THOMAS
15 FITCH, RONI GOODMAN, GEOFFREY
16 GUERRERO, CHERYL HANLON, HENRY
17 HELIN, ROBERT HORN, JUDITH LEMONS,
18 MICHAEL LIEBIG, PATRICIA O'BRIEN,
19 ROSALIA ORLANDO, JILL RICCI, MARCIA
20 RISDON, GRAHAM ROBERTSON,
21 THERESA ROBERTSON, JAMES RYONO,
22 JAMES SMALL, JOHN STACK, PETER
23 STARODUB, MARJORIE THOMPSON,
24 JEWELL TOOMBS, CYNTHIA URUBURU,
25 SARA WOOD

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES
(Government Code §900 et seq.)

26 Claimants.

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28 TO THE RESPONDENTS, PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:

A. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT SOUTH BAY UNITED TEACHERS,
TERESA APPY, CATHRYN BOYD, MICHAEL BOYD, BARBARA CLEVINGER, LEAH
CRYAN, DONNA DUNLAP, THOMAS FITCH, RONI GOODMAN, GEOFFREY GUERRERO,
CHERYL HANLON, HENRY HELIN, ROBERT HORN, JUDITH LEMONS, MICHAEL
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GRAHAM ROBERTSON, THERESA ROBERTSON, JAMES RYONO, JAMES SMALL, JOHN
STACK, PETER STARODUB, MARJORIE THOMPSON, JEWELL TOOMBS, CYNTHIA
URUBURU, SARA WOOD, (hereinafter "Claimants") whose address is C/O Trygstad, Schwab &

1 Trygstad, 1880 Century Park East, Suite 1104, Los Angeles, CA 90067, claim damages from the
2 Palos Verdes Peninsula School District (hereinafter "District") and Board of Education of the Palos
3 Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

4 B. The claimants desire all notices or other communications with regard to this claim be
5 sent to: Trygstad, Schwab & Trygstad, and Attention: Shanon Dawn Trygstad Esq., 1880 Century
6 Park East, Suite 1104, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

7 C. Claimants file this claim for damages seeking damages for the breach of their
8 Collective Bargaining Agreement, breach of contract, the breach of the promise and assurances of
9 the District and its employees regarding Claimants' retirement accounts and retirement benefits
10 under the doctrine of promissory estoppel and detrimental reliance, and negligence/negligent
11 misrepresentation, and other applicable laws/equal theories.

12 D. The date, place, and other circumstances of the occurrences giving rise to this claim
13 are as follows:

14 Starting during the 2006/2007 school year and continuing through in or about February of
15 2018, the District informed Claimants that if they worked a six-period assignment as their full-time
16 assignment, the District would make contributions to their Defined Benefit Account, which would
17 increase their retirement benefits by approximately 20%. Claimants relied upon the representations
18 of the District in making the decision to work the six-period assignment as their full-time
19 assignment.

20 Once Claimants agreed to work a six-period assignment as their full-time assignment, the
21 District paid Claimants pursuant to Schedule 2 and 3 of the Salary Schedule set forth in the
22 Collective Bargaining Agreement. In addition, Claimants determined their respective date of
23 retirement based on the representations of the District regarding Claimant's increased retirement
24 benefits due to Claimants working a six-period assignment as their full time assignment.

25 In reliance on the representations of the District and the estimated retirement calculations
26 provided verbally and in writing by CalSTRS, which were calculated based on the District's
27 reporting of Claimants' full-time salary as a six-period assignment to their Defined Benefit Account,
28 on various dates from 2007/2007 through the 2017/2018 school year, Claimants submitted as

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F. The full extent of the damages is unknown at this time, but will be in excess of \$10,000.00, including economic and non-economic damages, as claimants have suffered economic, emotional and physical damages. This will be an unlimited civil action.

DATED: July 17, 2019

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By: 
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Attorneys for Claimants