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Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez, Board President
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
1651 16th Street
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Dear Ms. Vazquez:

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1200 (Chapter 1213/Statutes 1992), AB 2756 (Chapter 52/Statutes 2004), and Government Code (GC) Section 3547.5, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) has reviewed the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's (District) Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement" (Disclosure) concerning a tentative agreement with the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) bargaining unit. The agreement covers the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, and the Governing Board is scheduled to take action on July 21, 2022.

The agreement provides for an on-going salary schedule increase of 10.00 percent, retroactive to July 1, 2021. In addition, there are adjustments to hourly rates and stipends for eligible SMMCTA members. Under the agreement, total compensation is increased by approximately \$8.27 million using General Funds, Adult Education, and Child Development Funds. The District's financial analysis, as reflected in the Disclosure, projects it is able to maintain the minimum required reserves for the term of the agreements.

As a reminder, Education Code Section 42142 requires the District Superintendent to send to the County Superintendent any revisions to the District's current budget to fulfill the collective bargaining settlement within 45 days of adoption. AB 2756 and GC Section 3547.5(c) authorize the County Superintendent to take specific action if a school district does not process these revisions.

We appreciate the District staff's cooperation during our review of the Disclosure and related supporting documents. If our office can be of further assistance, please call me at (562) 922-6779.

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Sincerely,


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