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Memorandum of Understanding between
Santa Clara County Office of Education
and School Districts for District-funded
pupils attending SCCOE Special
Education program under LCFF

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and Santa Clara County School Districts**

**For District-funded pupils attending Santa Clara County Office of Education
Special Education Programs under Local Control Funding Formula**

Background:

Beginning in July 2013, the State of California implemented a new funding model for education of students in public schools. This model is known as Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). As a result of this model, some significant changes were made in the funding of programs operated by county offices of education.

Prior to July 2013, Revenue Limit for ADA for students with disabilities who attended county programs was diverted at state level and sent directly to the county offices of education as the general education share of the cost of county special education programs. This funding stream was known as County Office Revenue Limit Transfer (RLT). Under LCFF, this funding stream from the California Department of Education (CDE) to county Offices no longer exists. Instead, the funding for the Santa Clara County Office of Education Special Education programs (SCCOE) ADA will go directly to the resident school districts.

For the fiscal year 2013-2014, even though the LCFF model was in place, appropriations were made based upon the previous funding model. The Revenue Limit Transfer money was sent directly to the county offices of education, just as it had been done in the past. As the California Department of Education (CDE) and districts begin to actually implement LCFF at the P2 certification of 2013/14, reconciliations in the funding streams will need to be made before year end closing. Therefore, the Revenue Limit Transfer funding stream will be returned to districts of residence. However, these (approximately \$7.5 million) Revenue Limit Transfer dollars were committed toward the operation of the county special education programs.

Purpose:

It is the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to resolve two issues in regards to funding special education programs in Santa Clara County Office of Education.

- a) For 2013-2014, resolve the issue of the Revenue Limit Transfer dollars that were sent directly to Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) under the old funding formula and will now be redistributed to school districts (LEAs) at the end of the fiscal year at the state level.
- b) For 2014 -2015, resolve the issue of how to fund, under LCFF, the Special Education programs that are operated by the SCCOE.

Agreements:

- 1) For the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, the Revenue Limit Transfer dollars continue going to SCCOE through the Advance Apportionment until the California Department of Education certifies LCFF funding for the first time at the P2 certification of 2013/14 in July 2014. After the P2 apportionment certification in July 2014 as the fiscal year is closing, CDE will redistribute the RLT funds as LCFF funds, taking them back from SCCOE and distributing them to districts of residence. South East Consortium and North West Santa Clara County SELPA Administrative Units (AUs) will adjust Special Education revenue distributions so that a recalculated amount (i.e., an amount including the approximately \$7.5 million RLT) will be transferred from LEAs to SCCOE for the cost of students attending Santa Clara County Office of Education Special Education programs.
- 2) For the 2014 -2015 fiscal year, Southeast Consortium and North West Santa Clara County SELPA AUs will adjust Special Education Revenue distribution from LEAs and transfer that amount to SCCOE for students attending SCCOE Special Education programs.
- 3) SCCOE will provide a general description of services provided to SCCOE Special Education pupils that can be referenced by all districts in their Local Control and Accountability Plans. (LCAP).

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