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fresno county office of education

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Buddy Mendes, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare Street, #301
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Fresno, CA 93721-2198

Dear Chairman Mendes:

As part of the Williams Lawsuit Agreement of 2004, California Education Code Section 12410 requires that I visit schools identified in our county and report to you the results of my visit. Attached is information on the Williams Lawsuit Settlement Agreement implementation by the Fresno County Office of Education.

This annual report concerns my visits to 104 of our county schools August through October 2016, as well as a review of the teacher credentials and School Accountability Report Cards for the 2015/16 school year.

The purpose of the visits, as specified in California Education Code 12410, was to:

1. Ensure that students have access to “sufficient” instructional materials in four core subject areas (English language arts, mathematics, history/social science, science) and, as appropriate, science laboratory equipment, foreign languages, and health;
2. Assess compliance with facility maintenance to identify conditions that “pose an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff” and ensure facilities are in good repair;
3. Determine if the school has provided accurate data for the annual School Accountability Report Card related to instructional materials and facilities maintenance;

The standards set forth in the law define “sufficient” instructional materials as meaning that every pupil, including English learners, has a textbook in the four core areas to use in class and take home. Regarding facilities standards, each school district that receives state funding for facilities maintenance is required to establish a facilities inspection

program and ensure that each school is maintained in good repair. "Good repair" is defined as maintaining schools that are clean, safe, and functional. The School Accountability Report Cards are being updated to report the information required by the Williams Lawsuit Settlement Agreement. My findings are documented in the attached report.

In conclusion, the Fresno County Office of Education is available to support the districts in our County with any of their educational needs.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Kathryn Catania". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kathryn Catania
Deputy Superintendent
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