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Dr. Rachel Heenan, Director
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Dear Dr. Rachel Heenan:

This letter is to convey the results of the monitoring review conducted by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). This monitoring review was a result of the February 9, 2024, letter outlining enforcement actions taken by the Department regarding CDE’s provision of data required by the Interagency Agreement between the Department and CDE and the Part C Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

The Department conducted a review of 70 records for solely low incidence (SLI) disability students served by local education agencies (LEA) in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The records were randomly selected from 40 different LEAs. The Department verified the documentation and the findings for each of the 70 records. Detailed findings for each LEA can be found in the attached report. The overall results of this review are as follows:

Indicator	Compliance Percentage
Timely Initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)	97.14%
Timely Provision of Services*	91.43%
Timely Transition IFSP with Steps and Services	94.29%
Timely LEA Notification (90 days prior to the child’s 3 rd birthday)	88.57%
Timely Transition Conference	94.29%

* Item has an outstanding child-level finding. All child-specific findings must be cleared prior to a subsequent review of records.

Required Action

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requires that the Department, as the state lead agency, verify that CDE corrects any individual case of child-specific non-compliance, and through a subsequent review of records, demonstrates 100 percent compliance with the specific regulatory requirements for all systemic findings of non-compliance. Evidence demonstrating the

above actions must be provided to the Department as soon as possible, and no later than one year from the date of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation during the monitoring review of the Early Start program and your commitment to serve children and families. If you have any questions, please contact Reyna Ambriz, Early Start Branch Manager, at (916) 651-0364, or by email at reyna.ambriz@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Timely Provision of Services
34 CFR, Sections 303.344(f)(1) and 340.420(b)(2)
Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 52109(b)

SELPA	LEA	Indicator	Records in Compliance	Number of Records Reviewed	Compliance %
Cajon Valley Union	Cajon Valley Union	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	East Whittier City Elementary	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Buckeye Union Elementary	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County Office of Education	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Arvin Union	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Rosedale Union Elementary	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Southern Kern Unified	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Vineland Elementary	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Placer County Office of Education	Placer County Office of Education	Timely services	7	7	100.00%
Sacramento County Office of Education	Sacramento City Unified	Timely services	0	2	0.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Chula Vista Elementary	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Encinitas Union Elementary	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Fallbrook Union Elementary	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	National Elementary	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Marcos Unified	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	South Bay Union	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Vista Unified	Timely services	1	1	100.00%
Santa Rosa Elementary	Santa Rosa Elementary	Timely services	2	2	100.00%
Sonoma County Office of Education	Sonoma County Office of Education	Timely services	3	3	100.00%
Yolo County Office of Education	Woodland Joint Unified	Timely services	0	1	0.00%
Total Compliance			32	35	91.43%

**Initial IFSP meeting was conducted within the 45-day timeline
 34 CFR, Sections 303.310 and 303.342(a)**

SELPA	LEA	Indicator	Records in Compliance	Number of Records Reviewed	Compliance %
Cajon Valley Union	Cajon Valley Union	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	East Whittier City Elementary	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Buckeye Union Elementary	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County Office of Education	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Arvin Union	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Rosedale Union Elementary	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Southern Kern Unified	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Vineland Elementary	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Placer County Office of Education	Placer County Office of Education	Timely IFSP	7	7	100.00%
Sacramento County Office of Education	Sacramento City Unified	Timely IFSP	1	2	50.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Chula Vista Elementary	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Encinitas Union Elementary	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Fallbrook Union Elementary	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	National Elementary	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Marcos Unified	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	South Bay Union	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Vista Unified	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Santa Rosa Elementary	Santa Rosa Elementary	Timely IFSP	2	2	100.00%
Sonoma County Office of Education	Sonoma County Office of Education	Timely IFSP	3	3	100.00%
Yolo County Office of Education	Woodland Joint Unified	Timely IFSP	1	1	100.00%
Total Compliance			34	35	97.14%

**The IFSP included Timely Transition Steps and Services
 34 CFR, Sections 303.209(d) (e) and 303.344(h)**

SELPA	LEA	Indicator	Records in Compliance	Number of Records Reviewed	Compliance %
Alhambra Unified	West San Gabriel	Timely Transition Steps and Services	2	2	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Alhambra Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	El Monte City	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Garvey Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Cajon Valley Union	Cajon Valley Union	Timely Transition Steps and Services	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	East Whittier City Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	El Rancho Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	2	50.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	South Whittier Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Buckeye Union Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County Office of Education	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Placerville Union Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Arvin Union	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	McFarland Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Norris Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Standard Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
Placer County Office of Education	Placer County Office of Education	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Marcos Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Bonsall Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Chula Vista Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	National Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Oceanside Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Diego County Office of Education	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Ysidro Elementary	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	South Bay Union	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Vista Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	1	1	100.00%
San Juan Unified	San Juan Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	3	3	100.00%
Yolo County Office of Education	Washington Unified	Timely Transition Steps and Services	0	1	0.00%
Total Compliance			33	35	94.29%

**Timely Notification to Local Educational Agency (LEA).
 34 CFR, Sections 303.209(b) and 303.401(d)**

SELPA	LEA	Indicator	Records in Compliance	Number of Records Reviewed	Compliance %
Alhambra Unified	West San Gabriel	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Alhambra Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	El Monte City	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Garvey Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	0	1	0.00%
Cajon Valley Union	Cajon Valley Union	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	East Whittier City Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	El Rancho Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	South Whittier Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Buckeye Union Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County Office of Education	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Placerville Union Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Arvin Union	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	McFarland Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Norris Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Standard Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Placer County Office of Education	Placer County Office of Education	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Marcos Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Bonsall Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Chula Vista Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	National Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	0	1	0.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Oceanside Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Diego County Office of Education	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Ysidro Elementary	Timely Notification to LEA	0	1	0.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	South Bay Union	Timely Notification to LEA	0	1	0.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Vista Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
San Juan Unified	San Juan Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	3	3	100.00%
Yolo County Office of Education	Washington Unified	Timely Notification to LEA	1	1	100.00%
Total Compliance			31	35	88.57%

Timely Transition Conference
34 CFR, Section 303.209(c)(1)

SELPA	LEA	Indicator	Records in Compliance	Number of Records Reviewed	Compliance %
Alhambra Unified	West San Gabriel	Timely Transition Conference	2	2	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Alhambra Unified	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	El Monte City	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Alhambra Unified	Garvey Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Cajon Valley Union	Cajon Valley Union	Timely Transition Conference	2	2	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	East Whittier City Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	El Rancho Unified	Timely Transition Conference	1	2	50.00%
East Whittier City Elementary	South Whittier Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Buckeye Union Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County Office of Education	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
El Dorado County Office of Education	Placerville Union Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Arvin Union	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	McFarland Unified	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Norris Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Kern County Office of Education	Standard Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
Placer County Office of Education	Placer County Office of Education	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Marcos Unified	Timely Transition Conference	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Bonsall Unified	Timely Transition Conference	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Chula Vista Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	2	2	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	National Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Oceanside Unified	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Diego County Office of Education	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	San Ysidro Elementary	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	South Bay Union	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Diego County Office of Education	Vista Unified	Timely Transition Conference	1	1	100.00%
San Juan Unified	San Juan Unified	Timely Transition Conference	3	3	100.00%
Yolo County Office of Education	Washington Unified	Timely Transition Conference	0	1	0.00%
Total Compliance			33	35	94.29%