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Dr. Patricia Cosentino
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Dear Superintendent Cosentino:

As you are aware, there was a great concern regarding the accuracy of projected enrollment and the cost associated with the Vo-Ag STEM program proposed for Region 12 and currently before the legislature. It is incumbent upon the Department of Administrative Services/Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCG&R) to review the enrollment numbers and the costs associated with the project. Having complied with my statutory obligation, I am recommending to the Governor and the legislature the Vo-Ag STEM program at Region 12 should proceed accordingly.

My review of all the information for and against the project has determined that the enrollment of 139 students is reasonable as proposed by you to the State Department of Education. I have also determined based upon the review of recommendations by the OSCG&R that the Region 12 design team has incorporated as much of the program as physically possible in the existing building. Furthermore, it is my determination that the two associated structures housing the equine/large animal facility and the automotive area are at the smallest size to allow for and meet programmatic needs. Any further reductions would in effect eliminate the program.

Therefore, the reservations I had upon the onset have been reconciled and I have instructed the OSCG&R to continue forward with providing whatever expertise and assistance you require to proceed in a timely fashion. I commend you all on your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melody A. Currey".

Melody A. Currey
Commissioner

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cc: Mr. Kosta Diamantis, Director – DAS OSCG&R