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Board of Trustees
Mr. Jon Ray, District Superintendent
Bishop Unified School District
301 North Fowler Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Subject: **2019/20 Local Control and Accountability Plan and July 1st Adopted Budget**

Dear Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

In accordance with Education Code sections 52064.1, 52070, and 42127, the Inyo County Office of Education has reviewed the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and the July 1st adopted budget of the Bishop Unified School District for fiscal year 2019 – 2020.

Education Code 52070(d) requires the county superintendent to approve the LCAP or annual update for each school district after determining all of the following:

1. The LCAP adheres to the template adopted by the state board of education pursuant to Education Code 52064 and follows any instructions or directions for completing the template that are adopted by the state board.

2. The budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and strategies included in the LCAP.

3. The LCAP adheres to the expenditure requirements adopted pursuant to Education Code 42238.07 for funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students pursuant to Education Code 42238.02 and 42238.03.

Additionally, Education Code 52064.1 states that if a county superintendent of schools does not approve a local control funding formula budget overview for parents, the county superintendent of schools shall withhold approval of the local control and accountability plan.

Based on our review, your LCAP is approved.

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Education Code 42127(b) requires that the county superintendent approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the adopted final budget for each school district after doing the following:

1. Examine the adopted budget to determine whether it complies with the standards and criteria adopted by the state board of education pursuant to Education Code 33127.

2. Identify any technical corrections needed to bring the budget into compliance with the standards and criteria established pursuant to Education Code 33127.

3. Determine whether the adopted budget will allow the district to meet its financial obligations during the fiscal year and is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the district to satisfy its multiyear financial commitments.

4. Review and consider studies, reports, evaluations, or audits of the school district that were commissioned by the district, the county superintendent, the superintendent of public instruction, and state control agencies and that contain evidence that the school district is showing fiscal distress under the standards and criteria adopted in Education Code Section 33127 or that contain a finding by an external reviewer that more than three of the fifteen most common predictors of a school district needing intervention, as determined by the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, are present.

5. Determine whether the adopted budget includes the expenditures necessary to implement the actions and services included within the LCAP or annual update to the LCAP that has been approved by the county superintendent of schools.

The budget reports were well prepared and allowed us to review your financial position in detail. Based upon our review, your July 1 budget meets the above specified criteria and is approved.

AB 1200 – Collective Bargaining Disclosure

The budget documents indicated that you have not yet settled negotiations with your Certificated or Classified employees for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year. To the extent that the settlement with your employees results in additional ongoing costs, we would advise you that such increased costs should be supported by additional ongoing income or ongoing expenditure reductions. Please remember that AB 1200 disclosure documents that include an analysis of the cost of any settlement and its impact on the operating budget are required by our office a minimum of 10 business days prior to approval by the Board.

We appreciate the timely submittal of your budget and LCAP. Please remember that your first interim report must be filed with our office no later than December 13, 2019. If you have questions or concerns please contact me at 760-873-3262.

Sincerely,



Barry Simpson
Inyo County Superintendent of Schools

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