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Dear Program Officer Baird:

This letter identifies the proposed designated 2015–16 teacher shortage areas for the State of California. These shortage areas were calculated using the prescribed methodology of federal regulation 34 Code of Federal Regulation 682.210(q)(6). The enclosed table presents the analysis of the percentages of teacher shortages by subject area.

The proposed designated 2015–16 teacher shortage areas for the State of California, in priority order, are provided as follows:

- Self-Contained Class
- Special Education including State Special Schools
- English/Drama/Humanities
- Mathematics/Computer Education
- Science
- History/Social Science
- PE/Health/Dance

(1) The California Department of Education assures that written objective standards were used in developing the proposed 2015–16 teacher shortage areas.

(2) The methodology used to determine the proposed designated 2015–16 teacher shortages areas was accomplished by calculating the sum of number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers without full credentials or not in an approved internship program and the number of estimated FTE new hires by subject area divided by the total FTE teachers by subject area.

(3) California does not collect teacher information for private schools.

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- (4) None of the proposed teacher shortage areas exceed five percent of total FTE teachers.
- (5) The most current data available, data from the 2014–15 year, was used to identify proposed teacher shortages areas for the 2015–16 year.
- (6) Notification of principals in affected schools is not provided in California.

If you have questions regarding this subject, please contact Barbara Murchison, Education Administrator, Educator Excellence Office, by phone at 916-319-0387 or by email at bmurchison@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure