



November 1, 2007

Dr. Laura Canciamilla, President, and  
Pittsburg USD Board of Trustees  
Pittsburg Unified School District  
2000 Railroad Avenue  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Dear Board President Canciamilla and Board of Trustees:

I would like to thank the Pittsburg Unified School District for its cooperation and thoroughness in conducting the required review of instructional materials and facilities for schools identified in the Williams Settlement, for providing the required information within the timelines, and for meeting the compliance requirements of the Williams Settlement Site Visits.

Enclosed is the annual report on the schools identified in the Williams Settlement within your school district for fiscal year 2007-2008. California Education Code section 1240(c)(2)(B) requires that schools identified in the Williams Settlement in our county be visited within the first four weeks of school, that noted areas be reviewed, and that a report be submitted to you and your governing board for inclusion at a regularly scheduled November board meeting.

This report contains the results of the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) visits of the following schools:

- Foothill Elementary on September 12, 2007
- Highlands Elementary on August 29, 2007
- Parkside Elementary on August 29, 2007
- Stoneman Elementary on August 30, 2007
- Central Jr. High on September 4, 2007
- Hillview Jr. High on September 11, 2007
- Pittsburg High on September 20, 2007

I have attached further documentation for your review; however, the following are some highlights from the report:

***Instructional Materials:***

There were sufficient, district adopted, standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials visible in all classrooms visited.

*School Facilities:*

There are no facility conditions that “pose an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff.” Attached, however, is a listing of areas the CCCOE Williams Settlement Visitation Team recommended should receive attention in a timely manner.

*School Accountability Report Card (SARC):*

The schools’ SARCs indicated there were no instructional material insufficiencies although there were some outstanding facility needs still to be addressed.

*Teacher Misassignments and Teacher Vacancies:*

Based on last year’s report to CCTC, all misassignments were cleared in the 2006-07 school year. Subsequent quarterly reports will include the misassignments and vacancies identified in the current year.

*Uniform Complaints:*

None were reported to the CCCOE during this time period.

I very much appreciate the support by the Pittsburg Unified School District’s board of trustees, the district administration, and especially the staff of the schools that were visited so that the directives of the Williams Settlement could be implemented. A common goal for all of us is to ensure that each of our students has the necessary materials to learn, a safe place to study, and qualified teachers. Thank you for the work you have done for the students of your district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Ovick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Contra Costa County