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Karen Mitchoff, Chair Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors 651 Pine Street, Room 106 Martinez, CA 94553-1293

Dear Chair Mitchoff:

Thank you for the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' continued interest in the California Department of Education (CDE) review of the *California Code of Regulations* Title 5 standards for school siting. These time-tested standards are used by school districts in selecting a new school site and help to ensure that the site is safe and educationally appropriate.

Over the past two years, we have engaged school districts, cities and counties, school designers, health professionals, and numerous other stakeholders in a review of the Title 5 standards. As the CDE continues its review of the school siting standards in Title 5, we look forward to the ongoing involvement of your Board of Supervisors and the highly experienced county staff. Once any proposed changes are developed, there will be numerous opportunities for continued public involvement as the State Board of Education adopts any changes under the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in the Title 5 standards. Districts, cities, and counties are partners in ensuring that schools are safe and healthy places for learning and enduring community assets.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Juan Mireles, Director, School Facilities and Transportation Services Division, by phone at 916-445-2144 or by email at jmireles@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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