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Superintendent of Schools
Randolph E. Ward, Ed.D.

March 21, 2007

Mr. Thomas Bishop
District Superintendent
Del Mar Union School District
225 Ninth Street
Del Mar, CA 92014-2716

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Re: 2006-07 Second Interim Report

Our office has completed its review of your Second Interim Report (SACS Form 01I) in compliance with the provisions of Education Code Section 42130 et seq. All of the data submitted by the district has been analyzed and appears to adequately reflect the financial status of your district as of January 31, 2007. Should any adverse circumstances arise which would negatively impact the financial condition of the district, please notify this office as soon as possible.

During our review, we noted the following items:

Deficit Spending

The district is projecting deficit spending in the Unrestricted General Fund of \$841,222 in 2006-07. Deficit spending needs to be carefully monitored to prevent any financial difficulties in future years.

Property Tax for Basic Aid Districts

We recommend that the district continue to monitor its property tax income to ensure that the approved operating budget amount of \$26.6 million materializes by year-end.

Multi-Year Projection

The district's multi-year projection indicates deficit spending in the unrestricted general fund of \$256,255 in 2007-08. Deficit spending is not projected to have an impact on the district's ability to meet its minimum 3% required reserve level in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09. Maintenance of a higher reserve level is generally recommended as a prudent margin of safety for a basic aid district in the event that actual property tax revenues are lower than estimated.

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The multi-year projection of unrestricted revenue is based upon assumed continuation of 8% annual growth in property taxes and local donations of \$600,000 each year. Salary and benefits costs were increased for projected ongoing staffing for Ocean Air School in 2008-09. Budget development should align the district's 2007-08 expenditure plan with revenues and ensure that any new costs are supported by ongoing revenue to avoid creating structural deficits.

Mandates

The district reports receipt of \$239,460 actuals to date in mandated costs reimbursements. Some of these funds are still subject to audit. We understand the district has reserved \$284,271 in the General Fund (General Reserve, object 9730) in case of an audit.

Criteria and Standards

The Criteria and Standards Supplemental Information S7A, Identification of the District's Unfunded Liability for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (OPEB), page 16, should include the total amount for postemployment benefits and the amount of total liability that is unfunded. We are aware that the district is undertaking an actuarial study at this time. Please incorporate the results of the study into subsequent financial reports.

Conclusion

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Code Section 42131, the County Superintendent of Schools will inform the California Department of Education that your district submitted a positive certification in a timely fashion and we concur with this certification at this time.

Please review this document carefully for any changes in data submitted. Should you have any questions concerning this review, please feel free to call me at (858) 292-3537 or Dr. Carole Parks, Consultant, Business Advisory Services at (858) 292-3810.

Sincerely,



Linda Visnick
Executive Director
District Financial Services

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cc: Board President
Chief Financial Officer