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**SUBJECT: TARGETED INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT (TIIG) FOR
AFFILIATED CHARTERS**

This memorandum responds to inquiries from affiliated charter school principals to Board Members and staff concerning Superintendent Cortines' memorandum dated August 26, 2008, which is attached under **Background:**

1. How were the cuts determined?

Response: Since 2006-2007 the Affiliated Charter Schools have been receiving TIIG funds from the State of California under the Charter Schools Categorical Block Grant and they have also received TIIG funds for class size reduction from the Los Angeles Unified School District. In essence, they were receiving a double allocation. The Board approved eliminating the TIIG funds for class size reduction provided to the Affiliated Charter Schools. This reduction will be implemented for the 2009-2010 school year. The District will continue to cover costs related to Magnet and PWT programs.

2. How do the cuts impact general education norm tables?

Response: Affiliated charter schools will not receive the differentiated norm based on PHBAO status. If the affiliated charter school needs additional funding to maintain the 2008-2009 level of class size reduction, the charter's categorical block grant may be utilized.

3. How do schools become eligible for TIIG money in the first place?

Response: The District receives TIIG funds in order to maintain its court-ordered Integration Program. Class size reduction for PHBAO schools is one of the largest components of the District's Integration Program.

4. How does a teacher become labeled as an Integration teacher?

Response: PHBAO, Desegregated/Receiver, Magnet schools and centers receive a more favorable norm than regular District schools. The teachers that comprise the difference between the District norm and PHBAO norm are covered by TIIG. These are the teachers currently paid for by program codes 1056, 1089, and 1120, respectively.

5. How is the amount of the allocation decided?

Response: The amount of the allocation is based on the number of authorized teacher positions generated by the enrollment at norm day, and the average cost per teacher at the school site.

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BACKGROUND: Cortines Memorandum dated August 26, 2008

Since 1978, LAUSD has been under a court order to desegregate its schools and reduce the harms of racial isolation. Funding for this desegregation program has come from the State.

In 2002-2003 and 2006-2007, the State morphed its funding for desegregation into a Targeted Instruction Improvement Block Grant (commonly known as TIIG). The TIIG grant is meant primarily to cover the costs of the District's integration program, and secondarily to provide targeted assistance to low-achieving students.

Also in 2006-07, State funding for charters was revised to include TIIG funds in each charter's categorical block grant. The amount of the categorical block grant attributable to TIIG is about \$164.00 per pupil. Since charter schools have also been getting TIIG funds directly from LAUSD, the result has been that charter schools were double funded for TIIG.

In June of 2008, the Board of Education adopted a budget reduction that would reduce the double funding by limiting the allocation of direct TIIG funds to Magnet and transportation programs. The idea was that schools that wanted to continue class size reduction that had previously been funded by the District could do so using their categorical block grant.

Regrettably, our affiliated charter schools were not promptly notified of the Board's June vote. For this reason, it was decided that implementation of this change will be deferred until the 2009-2010 fiscal year. For 2008-2009 only, eligible affiliated charters will continue to get TIIG class size reduction positions funded by LAUSD in addition to the TIIG funding they receive as part of their categorical block grant.

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