

**Fiscal
& Crisis
Management
Assistance
Team**

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Senator Don Perata
Sacramento Office
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814-4908

Dear Senator Perata:

As you are aware, the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) completed the final facilities tour of the Oakland Unified School District on Saturday, July 24, 1999. Upon completion of the safety and health reviews, FCMAT compiled the information that was collected by the visiting teams. Attached to this letter, you will find a listing of the significant safety and health issues for each school in the district. The grades given to the individual schools, signifying the condition of the site, are included in the attached listing. In addition, we have created a composite list of the school letter grades that were assigned by the visiting teams and have sorted them by grade level. This information is also attached.

At the conclusion of each of the tours, copies of the findings were made available to the district. Our intention is that the most serious safety and health issues will be dealt with prior to the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year. On July 27, 1999, we also forwarded a copy of the facility findings to Jerry Blueford, Fire Marshall for the City of Oakland, at his request. We are currently in the process of analyzing the data that we collected. When this process is complete, we will publish our findings and conclusions in a report that will be shared with interested parties and policymakers.

We have been encouraged and thankful for the support provided by your staff during the process of these preliminary visits. Their commitment to the project and focus on helping to improve the Oakland Public Schools is evident. We look forward to continuing a strong working relationship with you and your office as we move through the process of the formal audit. If I can answer any questions regarding the attached material or if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-499-5820.

Sincerely,

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