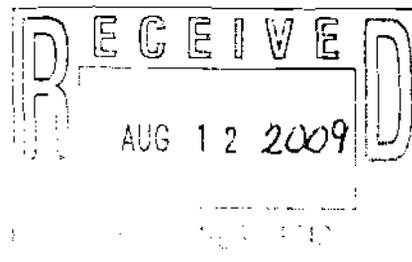


Joseph A. Silva, Jr.
County Superintendent



August 10, 2009

California State Board of Education
1430 N Street, Room 5111
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Dr. Theodore R. Mitchell, President



Subject: Opposition to General Waiver Request
– Inglewood USD for Today's Fresh Start Charter
School

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation that the State Board of Education deny the waiver request submitted by the Inglewood Unified School District for Today's Fresh Start Charter School.

The primary concern I have with the granting of this waiver is that it circumvents the charter school operating conditions set forth exclusively to County Boards of Education that are attributed in the granting of "countywide" charter schools.

Further, it also reopens the door for a school district to authorize operation of a charter school within the geographic boundaries of another district. This particular waiver request appears to directly contravene the legislative intent that school districts of residence/geographic location have their purview and authority defined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph A. Silva, Jr.".

Joseph A. Silva, Jr.
County Superintendent

Cc: Members, California State Board of Education
Waiver Office, California Department of Education