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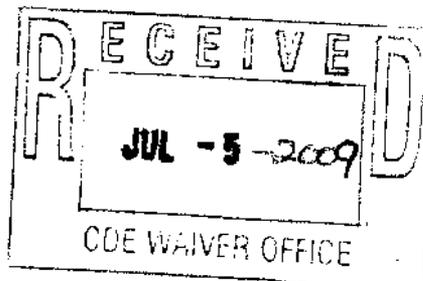
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May 20, 2009

State Board of Education  
1430 "N" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Judy Pinegar, Waiver Office



Dear Members of the State Board of Education:

This letter supports the actions of the Delta View Jt. Union School District Board of Trustees in its submission of a general waiver allowing the district to consider lapsation.

Since 2005, the district has struggled to seat a full school board of trustees, continues to experience declining enrollment, and fails to employ a school superintendent beyond a one-year contract. The district is about five miles from a neighboring school district, which offers a complete educational program and most importantly, is willing to service the Delta View student population.

On May 7, 2009, the California Board of Education took action on the Charter Renewal application for the Delta View Jt. Union School District. The State Board denied Delta View's charter renewal. The reason for denial was in part due to declining student test scores for the past five years. This denial means that the Delta View Jt. Union School District will experience a 50% reduction in its student population for the 2009-10 school year and students attending Delta View on an inter-district transfer will be required to return to their district of residence. This will leave Delta View with approximately 40 students residing in the Delta View Jt. Union School District for the 2009-10 school year.

These projections require staff to plan for less than ideal learning situations for students. Additionally, there will be a significant financial impact. The employment of an administrator, teaching staff, clerical assistance, and bus transportation for the 2009-10 school year will cost the district significantly more than they will be generate in revenue.

As a member of the California State Assembly I am interested in helping my constituents in whatever reasonable way possible. I also believe in the principle of local control. The leadership of the Delta View Jt. Union School District has taken appropriate actions to meet the unique needs of their student population. For this reason I ask that the board of trustees and the Kings County Committee on School Redistricting have the flexibility to consider lapsation.

Sincerely,

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Assemblyman 30<sup>th</sup> District

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