

ITEM ADDENDUM

DATE: April 30, 2014

TO: MEMBERS, State Board of Education

FROM: TOM TORLAKSON, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Item 11 – Local Control Funding Formula: Recommendation of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Fiscal Agent

California *Education Code (EC)* Section 52074 (c) requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), with approval of the State Board of Education (SBE), to contract with a local educational agency (LEA), or consortium of LEAs, to serve as the fiscal agent for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE). In March 2014, the California Department of Education (CDE) solicited responses from LEAs interested in serving as the CCEE fiscal agent. LEAs were asked to submit a letter of interest by April 11, 2014, with information regarding eligibility pursuant to statute to serve as the fiscal agent. In addition, LEAs were requested to provide a description of experience and capacity to draft and let contracts and ability to monitor fiscal and programmatic compliance.

CDE staff reviewed the letters and conducted follow-up telephone interviews with each LEA to gain additional information about capacity to serve as the fiscal agent. The LEAs were asked to address their capacities in the following areas:

- Capacity to complete the work
- Ability to separate the support role and responsibilities of the fiscal agent from the policy role and responsibilities delegated to the CCEE governing board
- Willingness to negotiate cost for services
- Clear internal procedures to accurately track simultaneous contracts with multiple entities
- Willingness to be flexible and adaptable to meet the demands of the work

The SSPI reviewed the information concerning each LEA to inform the selection.

Recommendation

Approve the SSPI's selection of the Riverside County Office of Education to serve as the fiscal agent for the CCEE, and authorize the CDE, in consultation with SBE staff, to take any necessary action to execute a contract with the CCEE fiscal agent.