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Attachment A

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STATEMENT OF STATE TRUSTEE
Dr. Carmella S. Franco

Good evening, members of the public.

I wish to make a number of remarks this evening before the start of the meeting. As you know, on May 5, 2010, the State Board of Education took action to appoint me as State Trustee of the Alisal Union School District, effective May 24, 2010. This was a very serious and drastic action, and I am taking my responsibilities very seriously. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains everything in detail and is available to the public.

The Board Members now serve in an advisory role, and the Interim Superintendent reports directly to me. I will be working closely with the Board, via workshops and training sessions, until such time that I recommend the Board regain its authority.

As plans for improvements and changes are developed, I will report those to employees, parents, and members of the community-at-large.

During these past weeks, I have met with everyone who has requested a meeting. I look forward to staff and community members working together once we embark on strategic planning efforts for the District.

Again, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

As we prepare to begin the meeting, I want to remind everyone that this is a meeting of the District's business that is being held in public. It is not a meeting of the public's business. It is expected that the meeting will proceed in a calm, civil, and business-like manner. Disruptions will not be tolerated.

We are here, after all, in the best interests of the academic improvements of the students. That is the number one priority, and it will drive all decisions and actions during my time here with you and thereafter.

I thank you for your cooperation with protocols for the meeting.

