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Re: Mitigating Circumstances Request for Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination
Application – Northwest Prep at Piner-Olivet Charter School

Piner-Olivet Union School District on behalf of Northwest Prep at Piner-Olivet Charter School would like to request that two mitigating circumstances be taken into consideration when making a determination on the Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination Application.

1) Northwest Prep at Piner-Olivet paid \$25,292 in classroom facilities leases in 2009-2010. All of this expense was for classrooms for student instruction. In 2010-2011, Northwest Prep was moved onto one of the District's school campuses and beginning in 2011-2012, will have no rental expense for classroom space.

2) Northwest Prep at Piner-Olivet has had a budget deficit for several years that was required to be eliminated by the Sonoma County Office of Education. In 2009-2010, Northwest Prep reduced that deficit by \$31,104. Those funds were not available to be spent for instructional purposes. Northwest Prep at Piner-Olivet no longer has a budget deficit issue and will have a reasonable reserve in place in 2012-2013.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to call me at 707-522-3008, or e-mail me at bleffew@pousd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Becky Leffew,
Director of Business Services