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California Department of Education
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To Whom It May Concern:

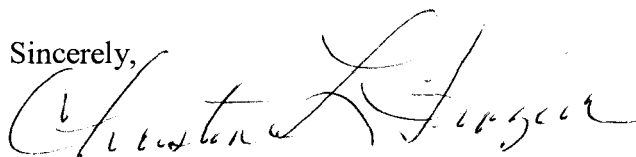
The purpose of my letter today is to offer my strong support of the Blake School District's application for a General Waiver request as allowed under Education Code section 35780, District Lapsation.

The Blake School District has been meeting the educational needs of school children in and near the mountain community of Woody since 1899. Although located just 35 miles from Bakersfield, the Blake school district serves children in an area without adjoining educational facilities and serves a rural area that encompasses 117 square miles. The district enjoys strong community support and a dedicated teacher / principal who has been with the district since 2008.

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools provides a variety of supportive services to the Blake School District and will continue to support their efforts to provide vital public education to the students in that area.

We respectfully request that the California Department of Education approve the General Waiver request (District Lapsation) for the Blake School District as outlined in the attached waiver application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christine Lizardi Frazier
Kern County Superintendent of Schools

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