

**HELENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

On behalf of:

**EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Response to Request for Additional Information**

**1. Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center**

8968 Archibald Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

**School District in Which Center is Located:** Cucamonga School District

**Date Resource Center was Established at Above Address:**

September, 2016 (Former address was four miles away and began in August, 2014)

**Student Population:** 282 total K-12 students use the facility at least one day per week.

**Number of employees at location:** 22

**Programs Offered at This Resource Center:**

**Discovery CoLLABorative:** 75 K-8 students. The program combines personalized mastery-learning homestudy days with thematic discovery experiences.

**u-LAB:** 18 high school students participate in a variety of flexible university style lab courses each week to supplement their home instruction.

**Rancho Cucamonga Homeschool Learning Center:** 193 K-12 homeschool program students participate in a variety of enrichment workshops at the resource center each week to supplement their home instruction.

**Special Education Services and EL Services:** ESCS provides special education services at the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center as required by each student's IEP. IEP meetings are held at this location. ESCS currently provides 44 students with services at the center. In addition, ESCS also provides ELD instruction daily for 11 students.

**Justification for Waiver for Rancho Cucamonga Student Center:**

- We provide center-based services to 282 students who could not be reasonably or effectively served without a regional center.
- The center allows our homeschooled students in south San Bernardino County with access to MTSS

interventions, special education services, ELD classes, science wet labs and enrichment courses. In addition, the center allows us to provide IEP meetings in a more convenient location for parents residing in South San Bernardino County.

- We use the center, with its CIPA compliant internet, to provide online state-mandated assessments and internal benchmark and diagnostic assessments for 282 students.
- We provide SAI instruction for students with disabilities, as well as speech services, occupational therapy, and psychology as required by each student's IEP. Currently, the services for 44 special education students would be displaced without this center.
- We have 11 students in South San Bernardino who require daily English Language Development, which we provide at the center.
- It would cost our school more than \$22,000 to break the lease early should the waiver not be approved. Our lease includes two options to continue leasing which if not exercised will cost us over \$250,000 in upfront costs that we spent to open the center. In addition, we estimate that the loss of ADA would be at least 240 students if the center should close, causing a reduction in overall revenue of almost \$2 mm/year.