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Dr. Brian McDonald
Superintendent, Pasadena Unified School District
351 S. Hudson Avenue
Pasadena, California 91109

Dear Dr. McDonald:

Your letter to me of July 12, 2017 overlooks the fatal flaw inherent in Board Report 113-B. It authorizes illegal as well as legal expenditures of Proposition TT funds. The authorization must therefore be rescinded by the Board and must not be used by the District as justification for paying legal fees other than those directly related to Proposition TT-related activities.

Your table entitled "CONTRACT RECORD" does not show the reason for the legal services provided to the District; the table merely shows the District's own allocation of payments among various schools. If you wish to demonstrate that the District has been fully complying with the law when it comes to the payment of legal fees, you should be willing to let the Committee review the bills from your law firm, and the Committee hereby requests the opportunity to do so.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is hardly "micromanaging" your staff. Rather, we are warning you that a broad type of TT expenditures is illegal. We share your desire to work together in a productive and collegial manner, but the *sine qua non* for such a

relationship is the District's and the Board's faithful compliance with the law.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clifton B. Cates
Chair, Citizens' Oversight Committee