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Department of Finance's Response to Proposition 98 Certification Comments Submitted by the California Teachers Association on August 1, 2018.

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 41206.02 and 41207.31 of the Education Code, the following responses to the comments received by the California Teachers Association are respectfully submitted.

1. Display the calculation of all three tests for all years.

While we appreciated the suggestion to display all three tests, we prefer to display the operative test for certification purposes.

2. Publish the overall civilian population figures.

This data, though not required by the certification statute, Education Code sections 41206.02 and 41207.31, is publicly available on the Department of Finance's website. Although it is not required, Finance will adjust the certification document format to display civilian population for each fiscal year on the certification documents.

3. Display the calculated guarantee and the actual appropriations.

The actual value of the minimum guarantee for each fiscal year and the appropriations which count toward meeting the minimum guarantee can be determined with the information provided on the certification document. However, Finance will adjust the format to display this information on the certification documents to clarify display of the calculation.

4. The amount of settle-up carried over from year to year should be publicly available.

The actual amount of settle-up outstanding can be determined with the information provided on the certification document. However, as payments are applied toward fiscal years that have already been certified, it will be more difficult to track the outstanding balance with the information provided. Therefore, Finance will adjust the format to display this information on the certification documents.

5. Methodology regarding the treatment of revenues, rounding and other elements should remain constant year-to year.

The methodology regarding the treatment of revenues and rounding used in the Proposition 98 certification was consistent throughout all fiscal years certified.

6. The calculation for 2011-12 should reflect creation of a maintenance factor that year.

The methodology regarding the creation and payment of maintenance factor used in the Proposition 98 certification process was consistent with past interpretations.

7. Rebenching for child care in 2015-16 is appropriate.

No comment deemed required.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call, Principal Program Budget Analyst, Lisa Mierczynski at (916) 445-0328.

*Revised 8/24/2018 to correct typographical errors.