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Re: District-wide Assessments for Students

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Dear Mr. Fisher,

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This follows my letter to you of January 22, 2021 regarding a meeting between SCTA and the District to discuss District-wide assessments following the January 11, 2021 decision by Arbitrator Carol Vendrillo. As you know, Arbitrator Vendrillo found enforceable an agreement between the District and SCTA ("[Testing MOU](#)") signed by my predecessor, Superintendent Banda, on November 30, 2016, that required the District to obtain agreement from SCTA prior to implementing any "District initiated/District-wide" assessments of our students.

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The Testing MOU requires that the parties "make a good faith and timely effort to mutually develop and mutually agree" on each such assessment. By email dated January 12, 2021, you requested that the District, in light of the arbitration decision, "suspend implementing any student assessments that do not comply with [the arbitrator's] (r)5ar psScience T

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In your January 12 email, you also indicated that SCTA will agree to allow the District to proceed with administering the PSAT, SAT, Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, and the

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<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) assessments for the current school year, provided we work with SCTA to address the challenges presented with administering these assessments while our students remain in a distance learning model.

Following your email, the District agreed to put a pause on those District-wide assessments that are not listed above or agreed to between SCTA and the District. The District agreed to put a pause on District-wide assessments with the expectation that we would convene the Assessments Committee and meet with SCTA to discuss these

