The Department of Education’s mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.
year as possible. While I appreciate that up to 17 lost days of instruction is significant and that the emotional trauma from the fires extended longer but I do not think a waiver is warranted in this situation. Not administering State assessments leaves CDE and the LEAs with no data about student achievement for the 2017-2018 school year.

In addition, CDE did not meet the requirement in ESEA section 8401(b)(3) regarding providing notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on the request. CDE may revise its waiver request, consistent with ESEA section 8401(b)(4)(B)(ii), to meet the requirements under sections 8401(b)(1)(C) and (F) and 8401(b)(3), and resubmit the revised waiver request. If CDE decides to resubmit, it must do so no later than 60 days from the date of this letter.

I appreciate the work that you and your staff are doing to provide a high-quality education for all students in California’s schools. If you have any questions, please contact Nkemjika Ofodile-Carruthers of my staff at: OSS.California@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
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