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TO: ALL SUPERINTENDENTS OF COUNTY SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY,
UNIFIED, HIGH SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES, AND
HEALTH EDUCATORS - ATTENTION: PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
FOR HEARING TESTING

SUBJECT: HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR, 2008-09

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about hearing services related to school age children, including:

- Internet access to forms for the hearing conservation program
- Review of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 Annual Report of Hearing Testing (PM 100)
- Request for waiver for the school year, 2009-10

Internet Access to Hearing Forms and Documents

The following fill-in forms and documents are available on the internet at:

www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/hcp.

- [PM 100 - Annual Report of Hearing Testing](#)
- [PM 101 - Application for Registration as School Audiometrist](#)
- [PM 210 - Registration of Agency Intending to Provide Hearing Testing Services](#)
- [PM 359 - Hearing Screening Request Waiver](#)
- [2007-08 and 2008-09 Annual Report of Hearing Testing](#)
- [Directory of Private Hearing Testing Agencies](#)

You may submit your completed forms by e-mail, fax or mail to the addresses listed below.

Note: To email your completed form to the Hearing Conservation Program, you must first save the form to your computer.

Email: hearingconservationprogram@dhcs.ca.gov

Fax: (916) 323-8104

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School Nurses, and Health Educators

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Mail: Hearing Conservation Program
MS 8100
P.O. Box 997413
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Remember! The PM 100 - Annual Report of Hearing Testing is **due by June 30th of each year.**

2007/08 and 2008-09 Annual Report of Hearing Testing

These reports will be posted on the internet site under “**REPORTS**”. Please review Table 2 – Annual Report of Hearing Testing in Public Schools, Results of Hearing Testing by Grade, School Year 2007-08 and 2008-09. Compare your average fail rate to the average of all the schools. If there is a discrepancy of plus or minus two or more percentage points, please contact Steve Rawiszer, M.A., at (916) 323-8087 or by email at steve.rawiszer@dhcs.ca.gov, to discuss the possible reasons for this difference.

All school districts are required to submit a PM 100-Annual Report of Hearing Testing Form regardless whether a waiver for the 10th and/or 11th grade was requested.

Request for Waiver

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2951, permits a school district to request a waiver for 10th and/or 11th grade pupils once each school year. To obtain a waiver, your school district must provide an alternate screening plan, which will ensure that each pupil at risk of a hearing loss will receive services. If you are requesting a waiver, please submit your request on Form PM 359, identified above prior to implementing the 2009-10 screening program.

Thank you for your commitment to the Hearing Conservation Program. I hope you are having a great 2008-09 school year. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steve Rawiszer, M.A., at (916) 323-8087 or by email at steve.rawiszer@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY KATHERINE NETO

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