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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, 2006-07,
2007-08 and 2008-09

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

- Internet access to forms and documents for the Hearing Conservation Program
- Review of the 2006-07 Annual Report of Hearing Testing (PM 100)
- A list of agencies you may contract with to perform hearing screening for school age children during the school year, 2008-2009
- Request for waiver for the school year, 2008-09.

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/Pages/Hearing.aspx (click on Hearing Conservation Program)

- [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](#)
- [2006/07 Annual Report of Hearing Testing](#)
- [List of Screening Contract Agencies](#)

You may submit your completed forms by email to Steven Rawiszer, Hearing Conservation Specialist, at the email address below by first saving your results and sending the form as an attachment.

Remember: The [PM 100-Annual Report of Hearing Testing](#) is due by June 30th of each year.

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2006/07 Annual Report of Hearing Testing

Please review Table 2 – Annual Report of Hearing Testing in Public Schools, Results of Hearing Testing By Grade, School Year 2006-2007. 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 Mr. Rawiszer, 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 [PM 100-Annual Report](#), of Hearing Testing regardless of whether a waiver for the 10th or 11th grade was requested.

List of Screening Contract Agencies

Please use the updated list of agencies when selecting an agency to perform hearing testing for your school program. These agencies have registered with the [Children's Medical Services \(CMS\) Branch](#) and have the appropriate credentials and equipment to perform testing in schools. If you are using an agency not on the list, please notify Mr. Rawiszer to enable us to ensure that the agency meets state requirements.

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 359](#), identified above, prior to implementing the 2008-09 screening program.

Thank you for your commitment to the Hearing Conservation Program. I hope you are having a great 2006-08 school year. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Mr. Rawiszer, at (916) 323-8087.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Marian Dalsey

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