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January 8, 2026

The Honorable Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5602
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

Re: Urgent Request for Meeting Regarding Mandatory Corrective Action Order (NIAA to CIF Transition)

Dear State Superintendent Thurmond,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD), I am writing to formally request an urgent in-person or virtual meeting with you and our full Board of Education. We seek to discuss the Corrective Action Order issued by the California Department of Education (CDE) on September 29, 2025, which mandates the transition of our athletic programs from the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), effectively beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

While TTUSD is committed to inclusivity and fully adhering to the California Education Code regarding student rights and gender identity protections, the practical implications of this specific order present unique and severe challenges for our mountain community. Our previous appeals for reconsideration and extension—based on critical logistical factors rather than ideological resistance—were denied. We believe a direct dialogue is necessary to ensure the State fully understands the ground-level impact of this mandate on student safety and academic well-being.

Specifically, we wish to discuss:

- **Student Safety & Winter Travel:** The severe risks associated with frequent winter travel over Donner Pass to compete against Sacramento-area schools, compared to our current, safer travel routes into Nevada.
- **Implementation Timeline:** The significant logistical hurdles of reorganizing schedules, transportation, and facilities for a full transition by the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Historical Context:** The disruption of over 40 years of regional tradition and the specific needs of our unique geography that straddles the state line.

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We respect the Department's authority and the importance of the laws protecting our students. However, we believe that a collaborative discussion could help us identify a path forward that honors state law without compromising the physical safety and educational experience of our student-athletes.

We are prepared to make ourselves available at your earliest convenience. Please contact our Superintendent, Kerstin Kramer, at ------- or by email at kkramer@ttusd.org to coordinate a time for this critical discussion.

Respectfully,



Dianna "DeeDee" Driller
Board President
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cc: Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent, TTUSD
cc: TTUSD Board of Trustees