



# Santa Monica Malibu Schools

Extraordinary Public Education

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Via U.S. Mail and Email (pdinerstein@peer.org)

Paula Dinerstein  
Public Employees for Environmental  
Responsibility  
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Washington D.C. 20036

Re: **Public Records Request**

Dear Ms. Dinerstein:

This letter responds to your recent requests for information and records from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District ("District") under the California Public Records Act ("PRA") (Government Code section 6250 *et seq.*).

As you may be aware, the PRA does not require public agencies to make disclosable documents available within a certain time frame or by a set date established by the requestor. Furthermore, under "unusual circumstances," a public agency may extend the time line to make its initial determination of whether it has disclosable records that are responsive to a request for reasonably identifiable records. (Government Code section 6253(c).) Specifically, in "unusual circumstances," the time limit to provide a requestor with a determination of whether the public agency has responsive disclosable records may be extended up to fourteen (14) days by written notice setting forth the reasons for the extension and when a determination is expected.

Consistent with Government Code section 6253(c), one or more of the following unusual circumstances exist with respect to your records requests:

- the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request;
- the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request;
- the need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein; and/or
- the need to compile data, to write programming language or a computer program, or to construct a computer report to extract data.

## Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

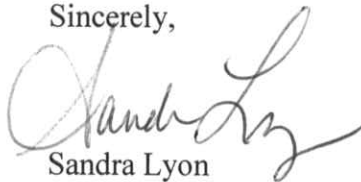
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In light of the foregoing, the District expects to make a determination as to whether it has disclosable documents, in its possession, responsive to your requests on or about February 7, 2014. At that time, if responsive records exist, you will be informed of an estimated date and time when the records will be made available to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Lyon".

Sandra Lyon  
Superintendent

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