

June 10, 2021

Mr. Palmer Moland, Board President  
Board of Trustees  
Fairfax School District  
1500 S. Fairfax Rd.  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Re: Appointment of FCMAT to Investigate Possible Unlawful Financial Transactions

Dear President Moland and Members of the Board:

I have been made aware that your board may have entered into one or more financial transactions [contracts] without following statutory procedures. Under the authority of Education Code Section 1241.5(b), I am authorized to review or audit the expenditures and internal controls of any district when I have reason to believe that fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices have occurred.

I have asked the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) to perform what is commonly known as an AB 139 audit to look into the manner in which your district has awarded contracts. FCMAT will contact your chief administrator within the near future to discuss the process it will follow in conducting this audit. I expect that you will extend full cooperation during this investigation.

When the audit is complete, FCMAT will report its findings to me, and I will determine whether any further steps are necessary.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Barlow, Ed.D.  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools