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APPENDIX TO MINUTES
12/14/10 BOARD MEETING

OPENING STATEMENT - ACTING SUPERINTENDENT
December 14, 2010 Board Meeting

Mr. or Madame Chair,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Satra Zurita
President

Before we take up this next item, I would like to make a short statement for the benefit of our parents, guardians and Compton community stakeholders.

Ms. Margie Garrett
Vice President

As you all know, there have been a number of significant issues under discussion in our District over the last several months. There is a great deal of interest in Compton schools by community members, advocacy groups, the news media, high profile politicians – including our Governor – and other special interests related to the recent filing of a Parent Trigger Petition involving McKinley Elementary School, and our district's school consolidation and realignment process.

M s. Emma Sharif
Clerk

Mrs. Mae Thomas
Legislative Representative

Mr. Micah Ali
Member

We welcome this interest. We want the recent focus of attention on our schools to have a positive effect. We want the result of this attention on our district to be a positive outcome for our students, and their parents and guardians.

Fred Easter
Member

Marjorie A. Shipp
Member

What I wish to make clear this evening is that we are completely committed to our students. We fully embrace the active participation of their parents and guardians in every aspect of their educational experience and throughout every step of our district's decision-making process.

Karen E. Frison
Acting Superintendent

The matter before you this evening is a status report on the work of our School Consolidation and Realignment Committee. Over the next several weeks we will be sharing this work with members of our community. We intend to conduct a series of parent engagement forums to solicit feedback from our district's parents, guardians and many other Compton Unified Stakeholders. Our final recommendations to this Board will include that broad community input.

We want to make it perfectly clear to everyone here tonight, and to all those who are following the work of our District that we are

committed to serving our students and their families - AND we are committed to ensuring our parents and community are fully informed and educated as to all available options before us, whether they are related to school reform or school consolidation.

We want to assure you, and the public we serve, that no firm or final recommendations will be made on critical school district closure issues until we have fully engaged, involved and educated our District's parent and guardians on the decisions we face as a school district community.

The Compton Unified School District is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to provide a quality education and a safe, vibrant learning environment for its students.

We cannot carry out our mission unless our district's parents and guardians have been empowered to help us make decisions based on their knowledge and input.

We intend to take the lead for our parents and guardians. We expect them to look to us for information and answers. We are committed to being a credible source of information for them on all matters related to the education of their children.

In the days and weeks ahead, we will be launching a series of new parent engagement initiatives to solidify our partnership with our most important constituents on behalf of our most important clients - our students - and will keep each of you apprised of our progress in that regard.

Thank you, and with that, I will turn the floor over to Deborah Willard for her presentation.