March 9, 2017

Angie Garling, Early Childhood Education Program Administrator
Alameda County General Services Agency
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Garling:

Subject: Alameda County Pilot Program Plan Modification Request Dated March 2, 2017

The California Department of Education (CDE) has reviewed the Alameda Pilot Program Plan (Plan) modification request dated March 2, 2017 (copy enclosed for reference). Based on this review, the CDE is approving the following, as explained below:

1. **Request:** Alameda County is requesting 12 months of eligibility for seeking employment.

   **Response:** The CDE assumes that "seeking employment" is the same as "job search". Twelve months of eligibility when the need is "job search" was already approved on October 6, 2016.

2. **Request:** When a family's only need is either seeking housing or seeking employment, they would receive 6.5 hours instead of 6 hours of services.

   **Response:** Yes, the CDE approves families receiving up to 6.5 hours instead of 6 hours of services per day as the local policy, per the Education Code (EC), Section 8340.2, may supersede state law concerning child care subsidy programs with respect to "time limits" and furthermore, approving this local policy does not violate federal law.

3. **Request:** The updated family fee schedule which was previously submitted to you.

   **Response:** The new Pilot Family fee schedule you previously submitted (see attached) is approved. Please note: No changes can be made to the
family fee schedule, unless you obtain written approval of the CDE

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact David Rude, Education Programs Consultant, Early Education and Support Division, Policy Office by phone at 916-319-0536 or by e-mail at drude@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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