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The Honorable John Evans and Members of the Board of Education
San Diego Unified School District
4100 Normal Street, Room 2231
San Diego, California 92103

SUBJECT: ICOC CONCERN RE: POSSIBLE DELAY OF NETBOOK PURCHASE

Dear President Evans and Members of the Board of Education:

The scheduled purchase of i21 netbook computers may be delayed due to the current inability to issue additional Proposition S bonds. The third phase of the i21 implementation strategy calls for the purchase of \$16 million for student netbooks and printers in February 2012. This phase would provide 5th and 8th grade classrooms and 20% of high school classrooms with netbooks and printers.

i21 implementation was designed to ensure that the technology enhancements added to classrooms would continue for those students who had already started using the netbooks as they progressed from one grade to the next. ICOC members are concerned that educational opportunities for those students will be negatively impacted if the scheduled purchase of netbooks is delayed. There is also an equity issue, because the Board of Education made a commitment that completing the i21 purchases and installations would be a priority for the District so that all students would benefit.

There is less than \$27million in uncommitted Proposition S revenues remaining. The ICOC encourages the Board to review its options in prioritizing Proposition S expenditures. It is also important to free-up cash for other bond work.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Johnson".

Chairman, Gil Johnson

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