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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Education Committee

FROM: Glenn E. Gustafson *GE*

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SUBJECT: SB 256 Talking Points

1. Thanks for the opportunity
2. Understand the dire financial situation in Colorado
3. Would like to address the critical components of SB 256:
 - a. **5-Year Declining Enrollment Averaging Elimination**
 - i. Reduces D-11 Funding by \$2 million
 - ii. Over 100 Districts receive declining enrollment
 - iii. Critical to allow school district's fixed costs
 - iv. Many other unique pieces in SFA: Floor Districts, COL districts, etc
 - b. **Centers for Excellence**
 - i. Love the idea
 - ii. Hate the mechanism
 - iii. Taking away funding cripples our existing programs
 - iv. Should be funded with Grant funds outside the SFA
 - c. **Charter School At-Risk Funding**
 - i. Let the money follow the kids
 - ii. D-11's been doing this for years
 - d. **District At-Risk Funding**
 - i. 75% Requirement – No problems
 - ii. Money flow to schools hurts center-based programs
 - e. **District Size Factor Cut**
 - i. Totally Understand the State's economic condition
 - ii. But call it a cut!
 - iii. People don't believe us!

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11
TOTAL PROGRAM ANALYSIS
FY 09-10

FY09 Total Program at mid-year	\$ 195,380,174
FY10 4.9% increase	5,954,639
Remove \$19.72 from per pupil base	(731,077)
FY10 Total Program Est. on April 1	\$ 200,603,736
Increase of 90 pupils to projection	155,000
SB 256, and amendments-	
Remove 5 year averaging	(1,955,000)
Reduce at-risk factor (Redirect Funds to CDE for Centers of Excellence)	(83,000)
Reduce size factor	(4,850,000)
Revised FY10 Total Program on April 8	\$ 193,870,736
Change from FY 08-09 to FY 09-10	\$ (1,509,438)