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Dear Governor Brown

Once again I write you regarding SoCal ROC. Since the cut off of dedicated funding we’ve tightened belts and diversified. I now teach several classes away from the SoCal ROC campus at a high school campus in the inner city.

All that I wrote last time has been reinforced by my tenure at this high school. As predicted, my course has become a dumping ground for kids with no place to be.

The swearing, the campus trash, the discarded gum peppered walkways, the low expectations, and the constant and casual use of the “N” word wears me down.

Many of the same kids I have at this school also attend the SoCal ROC campus. The kids would never… NEVER behave this way at SoCal ROC. We are an oasis of calmness for these kids.

Unfortunately, the high schools are no longer required to reserve a percentage of their CTE money for SoCal ROC. We’re slowly dying. Class sizes are shrinking. Courses are cancelled. Each semester fewer buses arrive filled with kids eager to learn in a peaceful environment.

Please return SoCal ROC to its previous status. Restore dedicated funding.

Sincerely,

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