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Dear Ms. Ames:

The materials submitted on behalf of the four MDTP test areas (Algebra Readiness Forms AR50/86 and AR50/90, Elementary Algebra Form EA50C86, Intermediate Algebra Forms IA45C86 and IA45C91 and Precalculus Forms PC40C86 and PC 60C86) for approval renewal to support course placement decisions in the California community colleges have been reviewed and evaluated. Our psychometric consultants, members of the Chancellor's staff, and the appointed campus-based assessment review committee considered the original set of documents and reviewed the supplemental information provided during this review cycle. The guidelines followed for test review are contained in the *Standards, Policies and Procedures for the Evaluation of Assessment Instruments Used in the California Community Colleges* (4th Edition, 2001).

In reviewing the evidence submitted to address the validity Standard, it was noted that in reporting the satisfaction rating data for faculty, judgments in the top three rating categories (3, 4, 5) were grouped together. A rating of 5 indicates the student is "Fully Prepared" and the implication is the student should have been placed in a higher level course. Rather than group ratings of 3, 4 and 5, ratings of 2, 3 and 4 should have been grouped to indicate "appropriate or somewhat appropriate" placement. When the latter grouping is made, the faculty judgments of students appropriately placed reach or exceed the 75% criterion required by the Standards. Based on the composite of the faculty and student evidence submitted to address the Validity Standard, these data were judged to be acceptable and sufficient. Thus, **Full Approval** status is awarded for all test forms.

Upon your consideration of these findings, an Appeals process is available to publishers if there are concerns or matters of significant disagreement regarding the review and final action. These procedures, should you wish to pursue an appeal, are detailed in the assessment Standards.

Should you have questions, need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me in my office (916) 323-0799. I am willing to provide you with whatever information or assistance you may find necessary. You may also contact Dr. John Poggio (785-864-9605) or Dr. Doug Glasnapp (785- 550-6309), psychometric consultants to the Chancellor's Office.

Sincerely,

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