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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

The Sierra Sands Unified School District in Ridgecrest, California serves the children of civilian, military, and support personnel that live and work at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake. On behalf of the Sierra Sands Unified School District, I wish to express the district's enthusiasm for the increased opportunities that may be presented to us as a result of the BRAC recommendations made by the Secretary of Defense in support of increased activity at the NAWS, China Lake. It has been our privilege to provide the highest quality education to the children of the uniformed and civilian employees and support contractors at China Lake over the years. We look forward to and are prepared to meet the educational needs of those arriving new to the community. Facilities and extended plans are already in place and the district will be ready when called upon to house and educate the new arrivals.

With great anticipation and eagerness to meet the challenges, I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Rummer".

Joanna Rummer
Superintendent

JR:jb

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