

EXHIBIT I

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**GEORGIA LATINO ALLIANCE *
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, et al., ***

Plaintiffs , *

V. *

1:11-CV-1804-TWT

**NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the *
State of Georgia, et al., ***

Defendants. *

AFFIDAVIT OF SCOTT AUSTENSEN

Personally appears before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oath in and for the State of Georgia, Scott Austensen, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states his oath as follows:

1.

My name is Scott Austensen, I am *sui juris* and competent to testify in this matter and under no civil or legal disability. I give this Affidavit as evidence in the above-styled action and for any lawful purpose. I make this Affidavit based on my personal knowledge of its contents.

2.

I serve as Deputy Superintendent for Finance & Business Operations, a position I have held since January 2003. In my role as Deputy

Superintendent, I am responsible for all aspects of budgeting and financial reporting for the Georgia Department of Education; as well as financial reporting for all local school systems in Georgia. Based upon this position, I am familiar with the costs of educating Georgia children in public school.

3.

In Fiscal Year 2010, which runs from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, the State of Georgia spent \$6,268,562,784 in state tax dollars on public K-12 education. Local school systems spent an additional \$6,246,499,844 in local tax dollars.

4.

The average cost per K-12 student in public school in state dollars is \$21.28 per student per day. Although the cost in local dollars varies by school district, the average cost in local dollars per day is \$21.21 per student, ranging from \$3.84 per student in Pelham City as a low to \$58.14 per student in Atlanta City as a high. This yields a total average cost per student of \$42.49 per student per day in state and local tax dollars combined.

Further Affiant Saith Not.

Scott D Austensen

Sworn to and prescribed
before me this 15th day
of June, 2011.

Judith L. Nunez
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

