

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 2003 AGENDA

Item No. W-1

<p>TITLE: Request by Corcoran Unified School District for a waiver of <i>Education Code</i> Section 48661(a) relating to the placement of a community day school on the same site as a continuation high school for the 2003-04 school year.</p> <p>CDSIS: 2-2-2003</p>	<p><u> X </u> ACTION <u> </u> INFORMATION <u> </u> PUBLIC HEARING <u> </u> CONSENT</p>
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RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends:

- Approval for one year to allow the District to demonstrate the efficacy of this co-location plan
- Denial

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The Board approved several similar requests in the past to allow the collocation of a community day school when the community day school could not be located separately and the district has been able to provide for the separation of students from the other schools.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

The Corcoran Unified School District requests a waiver of *Education Code* section 48661(a), which states that a community day school (CDS) shall not be situated on the same site as a continuation high school.

The District has been operating its community day school at the Kings Lake Education Center, where adult education classes are also housed. Currently, no other K-12 education programs are operated at that site.

Currently, the District's continuation high school is housed in an isolated corner of the comprehensive high school campus. The District maintains that it is unable to provide adequate support services and administrative supervision to the continuation high school at that site and has proposed moving the continuation high school to the Kings Lake Education Center.

The district maintains that **the continuation high school students will be completely separated from the CDS students. Separation will be accomplished through the use of fencing that prohibits any access between the two programs, different arrival and departure times, different entrance/exits, and extensive full-time supervision**, including an on-site principal, classroom aides, and clerical staff.

The District initially also proposed to move an opportunity class from the comprehensive high school to the Kings Lake Education Center. The Corcoran Faculty Association submitted a letter of opposition to moving the opportunity class, but did not state any opposition to moving the continuation high school. The CDE shared the concerns of the Faculty Association and

recommended that the District limit its waiver request to only authorize relocation of the continuation high school. The District accepted this recommendation and modified its request to delete language that would have permitted moving the opportunity class.

The local board voted unanimously in support of this waiver request. Based on the strong measures to maintain separation of the community day school and continuation high school, the CDE recommends approval of this waiver request.

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 12/10/02

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral Support Oppose (as described above, the District has amended its waiver request to delete the part of the proposal opposed by the bargaining unit)

Name of bargaining unit representatives: Mark Sanders

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper posting at each school other

Public hearing held on: 1/28/03

Local board approval date: 1/28/03

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Council

Objections raised (choose one): None Objections are attached on separate sheet

Date consulted: 12/18/02

Effective dates of request: 7/1/03 – 6/30/04

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate): N/A

Background Information: Documentation is attached to this Summary.