

## LAST MINUTE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 2, 2004

**TO:** MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM:** Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction Branch

**RE:** Item 31

**SUBJECT:** Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP):  
Proposed Intervention for (Cohorts I and II) schools that failed to show significant growth.

### Summary:

Attached are three tables (Tables 1, 2 and 3) that provide current API information on the II/USP Cohort I and II schools identified in the December release of the API Phase II data and which are potentially recommended for state monitoring. Information includes the appropriate years of Base API, Growth API, and whether or not the school made schoolwide and comparable growth targets. Schools with an asterisk do not have valid API Growth data. This typically occurred when a school did not test a sufficient number of students or had testing irregularities.

- [Table 1](#) (Attachment 1) provides current API information on four additional II/USP Cohort I schools, three of which are recommended for state monitoring on the basis of the December release of the Phase II API data. The local governing boards retain legal rights, duties, and responsibilities with respect to any state-monitored school(s).
- [Table 2](#) (Attachment 2) indicates that there are currently no new II/USP Cohort II schools that failed to make significant growth based on the release of the Phase II API data. However, since some districts are still correcting data, a few schools could still be brought forward in March.
- [Table 3](#) (Attachment 3) indicates which of the 17 schools deferred from the November 2003 State Board of Education meeting have submitted waivers. Included are staff recommendations for approval or denial.

### Schools Correcting Data:

Schools continue to be able to correct their API data. See Tables 4, 5, and 6. There are 11 II/USP schools that are correcting data and hence a determination regarding their status cannot be made until the corrected data have been submitted. Therefore CDE may be recommending additional schools for state monitoring in March 2004.

The following schools are correcting API data:

**Table 4**

District Name	School Name	Cohort
Perris Union High	Perris High	I
Redwood City Elementary	Kennedy (John F.) Middle	I
Redwood City Elementary	Hoover Elementary	I
Redwood City Elementary	Gill (John) Elementary	I
Redwood City Elementary	Roosevelt Elementary	I
Chino Valley Unified	Chino Senior High	I

**Table 5**

District Name	School Name	Cohort
Biggs Unified	Biggs Middle	II
Inglewood Unified	Inglewood High	II
Inglewood Unified	Morningside High	II
Lodi Unified	Bear Creek High	II
Yuba City Unified	Yuba City High	II

Between the November 2003 and January 2004 State Board of Education meetings, four schools (listed below, in Table 6) on which the State Board of Education had already taken action indicated that they would be correcting API data. The first three schools have already been deemed state-monitored. These schools will continue with the required SAIT process until they can demonstrate that their status as state-monitored schools should change. The fourth school, Biggs High School, was deferred for action until the January State Board of Education meeting. However, because they will not complete the process of correcting data until the end of January, CDE recommends that action on Biggs High School be deferred until the March State Board of Education meeting.

**Table 6**

District	School	Cohort
Central Union High	Central High	I
Central Union High	Southwest High	I
Biggs Unified	Biggs Elementary	I
Biggs Unified	Biggs High	I

### Summary of the Status of Schools:

1. Based on evidence in Table 1(Attachment 1), CDE recommends that three additional schools be deemed "state-monitored." These are Coffman (Nellie N.) Middle School in Palm Springs Unified, Johnson (Hiram W.) High School in Sacramento City Unified, and Pomona Senior High School in Pomona Unified which did not have a valid API in 2003 and which would not meet the alternative criteria.
2. CDE recommends that action regarding Fruit Ridge Elementary in Sacramento City Unified (Table 1, Attachment 1) be deferred until the March 2004 State Board of Education meeting. Fruit Ridge Elementary meets the alternative

criteria for demonstrating significant growth developed by CDE and State Board staff in November 2003. Fruit Ridge Elementary may wish to submit a waiver.

3. CDE recommends that of those schools that are correcting data (Tables 4, 5, and 6), action on Biggs High School be deferred until the March 2004 State Board of Education meeting. Other schools will potentially receive recommendations as stated above once corrected data are submitted.
4. Seventeen schools (Table 3, Attachment 3) without valid API's were held over from the November 2003 to the January 2004 State Board of Education meeting. Of these schools, nine have submitted requests for a waiver. Each of these schools was required to meet the agreed-upon criteria which were based upon making at least a one percentage point increase from 2002 to 2003 for all students schoolwide at or above the proficient level on the California Standards tests in English/language arts and mathematics, including general math and algebra I at the middle school level and geometry at the high school level.
  - CDE recommends that three of the seventeen schools without valid API's be denied their request for a waiver because they did not meet the alternative criteria. The schools recommended for a denial of their waiver requests are recommended to be deemed "state-monitored." These include: McCabe Junior High School in Mendota Unified, Rubidoux High School in Jurupa Unified, and O'Farrell Community Charter School in San Diego Unified.
  - Six of the seventeen schools met the criteria for growth and CDE recommends these schools for waiver approval. These schools would then be placed "on watch" status in 2003-04. These include: Stonehurst Elementary School in Oakland Unified, Bancroft (Hubert Howe) Middle School in Los Angeles Unified, Fairfax Senior High School in Los Angeles Unified, Reyes (Alicia) Elementary School in Merced City Elementary, Lehigh Elementary School in Ontario-Montclair Elementary, and Tulare Western High School in Tulare Joint Union High School District.
  - CDE recommends that the remaining schools without valid API's be deemed state-monitored, with the exception of Biggs High School which is correcting data. These remaining seven schools did not submit a waiver request: Anna Yates Elementary School in Emery Unified, Emery High School in Emery Unified, Tennyson High School in Hayward Unified, Centennial High School in Compton Unified, Ord Terrace Elementary School in Monterey Peninsula Unified, Balboa Elementary YR School in San Diego Unified, and Rio Plaza Elementary School in Rio Elementary District.

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[Attachment 3](#): Table 3 (Page 1-1)

II/USP Cohort I Schools Potentially Subject to State Monitoring													
District	School	2000 Base	2001 Growth	2001 Sch Wide	2001 Comp Imp	2001 Base	2002 Growth	2002 Sch Wide	2002 Comp Imp	2002 Base	2003 Growth	2003 Sch Wide	2003 Comp Imp
Pomona Unified	Pomona Senior High	509	-3	No	No	509	33	Yes	Yes	*	*	*	*
Palm Springs Unified	Coffman (Nellie N.) Middle	565	18	Yes	Yes	593	-12	No	No	592	-4	No	No
Sacramento City Unified	Johnson (Hiram W.) High	568	12	Yes	No	579	-5	No	No	566	-40	No	No
Sacramento City Unified	**Fruit Ridge Elementary	525	11	No	No	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\* No Valid API Data Available

\*\* Meets Alternative Criteria for Demonstrating Significant Growth

II/USP Cohort II Schools Potentially Subject to State Monitoring										
District	School	2001 Base	2002 Growth	2002 Sch Wide	2002 Comp Imp	2002 Base	2003 Growth	2003 Sch Wide	2003 Comp Imp	

Based upon future data corrections, any schools in Cohort II recommended for state monitoring will be brought to the March, 2004 State Board of Education meeting.

<b>Schools Without Valid APIs Recommended to be Deemed State-Monitored</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Waiver</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Alameda	Emery Unified	Anna Yates Elementary		
Alameda	Emery Unified	Emery High		
Alameda	Hayward Unified	Tennyson High		
Butte	Biggs Unified	Biggs High		
Fresno	Mendota Unified	McCabe Junior High	Yes	Denial
Los Angeles	Compton Unified	Centennial High		
Monterey	Monterey Peninsula Unified	Ord Terrace Elementary		
Riverside	Jurupa Unified	Rubidoux High	Yes	Denial
San Diego	San Diego Unified	O'Farrell Community Charter	Yes	Denial
San Diego	San Diego Unified	Balboa Elementary YR		
Ventura	Rio Elementary	Rio Plaza Elementary		

<b>Schools Without Valid APIs Recommended to be Placed on Watch in 2003-04</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Waiver</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Alameda	Oakland Unified	Stonehurst Elementary	Yes	Approval
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Bancroft (Hubert Howe) Middle	Yes	Approval
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	Fairfax Senior High	Yes	Approval
Merced	Merced City Elementary	Reyes (Alicia) Elementary	Yes	Approval
San Bernardino	Ontario-Montclair Elementary	Lehigh Elementary	Yes	Approval
Tulare	Tulare Joint Union High	Tulare Western High	Yes	Approval

Note: Biggs Unified is correcting data for Biggs High which will potentially be brought to the March, 2004 State Board of Education meeting.