

Last Minute Memorandum

To: STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Date: June 9, 2003

From: William W. Vasey

Re: ITEM #8

Subject NCLB PARAPROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Regarding the three options for meeting the NCLB Paraprofessional requirements (two years of study at an institution of higher education, an associate's degree or higher, or demonstration of skills and knowledge through a formal state or local assessment), CDE recommends:

- I. Two Years of Study
That "two years of study" be standardized statewide at 48 semester units. (option 3)
- II. Required Course Work
That the type of coursework acceptable for completion of this requirement may be defined by each local education agency. (option 1)
- III. Professional Assessment
That the development or selection of an assessment be a decision to be determined locally. (option 3)
- IV. Portability of a paraprofessional's qualifications
That reciprocity with other LEAs be determined at the discretion of each LEA. (option 2)