

**SPECIFIC WAIVER COVER SHEET**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FEBRUARY 2003 AGENDA**  
**Item No. W-7**

<p><b>TITLE:</b> Request by Cypress School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 56366.1(a), certification requirements, for an uncertified nonpublic agency, <b>Joanna Lofink, Speech &amp; Language Pathologist</b> to provide services to one special education student, <b>Samuel T.</b></p> <p><b>CDSIS:</b> 40-7-2002</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> <b>ACTION</b>  <u>      </u> <b>INFORMATION</b>  <u>      </u> <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>  <u>      </u> <b>CONSENT</b></p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends:  Approval     Denial

**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:**

The State Board of Education has taken action on many waivers regarding Nonpublic School Certification. The Special Education Division has adopted guidelines to assist staff in the review of these requests.

**Summary of Key Issue(s):**

- Samuel T. is a 10 year-old special needs student with Autistic-like Behaviors who needed speech and language services over the summer.
- The CSD had limited summer school/extended school year personnel and was unable to provide speech and language services to Samuel.
- CSD advertised for a certified speech therapist but no one was able to travel to Orange to provide the services for Samuel T.
- Joanna Lofink is a licensed Speech and Language Pathologist located in Orange who meets all waiver qualifications.

**Authority for the waiver:** *Education Code* Section 56101

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: July 25, 2002

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral                                     Support                                     Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Janice Benach

Local board approval date: SELPA Approved 9/16/02

Effective dates of request: July 15, 2002 – August 30, 2002

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):** The CSD did not submit fiscal information relative to the cost of these services.

**Background Information:** Waiver Request forms and supporting documents are attached to this summary.