

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

<p>TITLE: Request by Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code Section 52859(b)</i>. This request is related to the prohibition of using funds coordinated under the School-Based Coordinated Program (SBCP) to pay for the local share of costs associated with the employment of a Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist.</p> <p>CDSIS: 15-12-2002</p>	<p>_____ ACTION _____ INFORMATION _____ PUBLIC HEARING <u> X </u> CONSENT</p>
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends: **Approval**

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted guidelines for the use of funds coordinated under the SBCP to pay for the local share of the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist. The SBE has approved similar waivers in the past.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

Three Miller-Unruh reading positions provide three elementary schools with additional learning opportunities for at-risk students. Instruction is based on standardized and local assessment data and focuses on specific skill development for individual students. These three Miller-Unruh reading positions are in jeopardy when included in the District's general fund due to ongoing local and state funding issues.

Thus, each school needs to fund the local portion of this position with School Improvement and/or Title I funds to ensure that students will have ongoing access to additional reading support. This waiver request meets all of the Board's adopted guidelines.

Authority for the waiver: *Education Code* Section 52863

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 12/3/02

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral **Support** **Oppose**

Name of bargaining unit representative: Joyce Keeler, Livermore Education Association

Local board approval date: 12/10/02

Effective dates of request: 9/1/02 – 6/30/04

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate): No fiscal impact.

Background Information: *Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.*