

**Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)  
Petition Request  
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JULY 2003 AGENDA  
Item No. W-8**

<p><b>TITLE:</b> Petition request under <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 60421(d) and 60200(g) by <b>Ontario-Montclair School District</b> to purchase non-adopted Instructional Resources (<i>Houghton Mifflin Mathematics, Grade 6</i>) using Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) monies.</p> <p><b>CDSIS:</b> 24-5-2003</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> ACTION  <u>      </u> INFORMATION  <u>      </u> PUBLIC HEARING</p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends approval July 10, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

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

The Petition process was continued in statute for use by districts with the new Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program, AB 1781, Statutes of 2002 with EC Section 60421 (d) “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pursuant to subdivision (g) of EC Section 60200, the State Board of Education may authorize a school district to use any state basic instructional materials allowance to purchase standards-aligned materials as specified within this part.”

In the last two years, four IMF petitions, fifteen Schiff-Bustamante waiver requests, and one IMFRP petition have been submitted to the Board for Grade 6 of the *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* program. All twenty of these requests were approved by the State Board. Susan Stickel, former chair of the Curriculum Commission, has reviewed this program for standards alignment at the request of the State Board, and found it to be aligned to state standards in mathematics.

Ontario-Montclair School District received a waiver from the State Board to purchase this program under the Schiff-Bustamante Program in May 2002.

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

The **Ontario-Montclair School District** requests approval of its petition pursuant to Education Code Section 60200 (g):

*“If a district board establishes to the satisfaction of the State Board that the state-adopted instructional materials do not promote the maximum efficiency of pupil learning in the district, the State Board shall authorize the district board to use its instructional materials allowance to purchase materials as specified by the State Board.”*

In addition, language within the new Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program in Education Code Section 60421(d) specifically authorizes the State Board to grant waivers for the purchase of nonadopted materials:

*“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 60200, the State Board of Education may authorize a school district to use any state basic instructional materials allowance to purchase standards-aligned materials as specified within this part.”*

**Ontario-Montclair School District** is requesting a waiver for the use of Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) funds for the purchase of *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* for Grade 6. The K-5 program was submitted and adopted under the 2001 Mathematics Adoption.

While no State Board policy currently exists for petitions under the new Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program, the State Board approved fifteen waivers for districts to use this program under its Schiff-Bustamante grade-level extension exemption policy (State Board Policy #99-06).

The *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* program for grades K-5 was submitted for review under the 2001 Mathematics Adoption. It was adopted by the State Board of Education. The grade 6 program was completed after the state adoption of the grades K-5 program. The district is requesting a waiver for a program that would continue or extend a currently adopted program. At the Board’s request, Commissioner Sue Stickel reviewed grade 6 of the *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Program* and felt that the program offered sufficient coverage of the mathematics content standards.

The district adopted grades K-5 of the *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* program in 2002. The district’s 2002 API scores are poor, with 17 of its 21 schools scoring in the third decile or lower. No test data was provided; however, this information was not required for an Exemption One waiver request under the former State Board Schiff-Bustamante Policy #99-06. The district is committed to improving its performance by using a state-approved program in mathematics that is consistently applied through grades K-6.

### **Department Recommendation**

The Department recommendation is for approval of the petition request from 7/10/03 through 6/30/05.

Approval is contingent on IMFRP funds being appropriated and allocated in subsequent fiscal years.

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Authority for the petition: EC Sections 60421 (d) and 60200(g)

Local Board approval: May 1, 2003

Public hearing held on: May 1, 2003

How was the required public hearing advertised?

Notice in a newspaper     Notice posted at each school?     Other—District Office  
(Briggs Center) Personnel: Hardy Center

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***Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)***

LEA's estimated total K-12 IMFRP in the 2003-2004 year:	\$ 910,419 <sup>1</sup>
Estimated cost of requested materials 2003-2004:	\$ 26,000
Percentage of total IMFRP:	2.8%
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Background Information is attached to this Agenda Item.

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<sup>1</sup> Estimate provided by the district. Note that due to ongoing budget cuts, it is impossible to be certain how much funding for IMFRP will be provided in future years.