

**Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)  
Petition Request  
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JULY 2003 AGENDA  
Item No. W-9**

<p><b>TITLE:</b> Petition request under <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 60421(d) and 60200(g) by <b>Orinda Union School District</b> to purchase non-adopted Instructional Resources (<i>FOSS, Grades K-1, California Edition</i>) using Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) monies.</p> <p><b>CDSIS:</b> 38-4-2003</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> ACTION  <u>      </u> INFORMATION  <u>      </u> PUBLIC HEARING</p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends approval: July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2008, with the condition that the district supplement *Full Option Science System (FOSS)*, Grades K-1, as necessary for coverage of all science content standards.

**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). This is the second petition request submitted for the use of state funds to purchase the *FOSS* program, and the first under the umbrella of the IMFRP. The first *FOSS* petition was withdrawn.

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

The Orinda Union School District requests approval of its petition pursuant to: EC Section 60421 (d) “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.” EC 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.”

The Orinda Union School District is petitioning to purchase: *Full Option Science System (FOSS), California Edition*, Grades K-1. The District currently uses State Board-adopted Harcourt Brace materials for Grades 2-6. The District states that they have standards-aligned materials in mathematics, social studies, science (except grades K-1), and language arts for grades K-3 and 6-8.

The District’s petition covers four elementary schools. All of these schools have an API ranking of “10”, and all but one school has a similar school ranking of “10”, with the remaining school having a similar school rank of “9”. Although science assessment data is not currently available (the first statewide science assessment for 5<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled for 2004), the district’s mathematics results are significantly higher than the state average for

both the SAT-9 and California Standards Test results for 2002.

Detailed assessment data for 2002 is attached to this petition. The District requests that its petition be granted to use *FOSS* as an integral part of their science curriculum that best addresses the needs of both teachers and students and has demonstrated positive results.

The publisher has provided a completed grade-level-specific standards map for the new edition of *FOSS*. The District has submitted a comprehensive science curriculum grid that includes material from *FOSS*, supplemented by material from the state-adopted Harcourt Brace program, grades K-1, and other supplementary materials that they feel meet the standards gaps in the *FOSS* basic program. Some of these supplemental items (attached list provided by the district) have not undergone an independent content review.

### **Department Recommendation**

**The Department recommends approval of the petition request from 7/1/03 through 6/30/05, for Orinda Union School District with the condition that the district supplement *Full Option Science System (FOSS)*, Grades K-5, as necessary for coverage of all science content standards in grades K-1.**

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

Local Board approval: April 21, 2003

Public hearing held on: April 21, 2003

How was required public hearing advertised?

Notice in newspaper?  Notice posted at each school?  Other: Community Center  
Orinda City Library

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Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

LEA's estimated K-8 IMFRP in the 2002-2003 year:	\$ 101,953.00 <sup>1</sup>
Estimated cost of requested materials:	\$ 9,000.00
Percentage of K-8 IMFRP:	8.8%

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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.