

SPECIFIC WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 2003 AGENDA
Item No. WC-3

<p>TITLE: Request by New Haven Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Sections 52859(b) and 52863 in order to use SIP funds to co-fund the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist positions at five school sites. This waiver is requested in the event that the Miller-Unruh program is not eliminated from the California State Budget for Fiscal Year 2003/04.</p> <p>CDSIS: 45-5-2003</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 School 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.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

This waiver will allow New Haven USD to use SIP funds to co-fund the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist positions to provide much needed literacy support for primary grade students. This will assist students in meeting rigorous state and district reading/language arts standards. This waiver request is being made as a result of a reduction in available general fund support for this program.

Authority for the waiver: EC Section 52863

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: April 11, 2003

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Don Heinsohn

Local board approval date: May 20, 2003

Effective dates of request: July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate): No fiscal impact.

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