



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Gustine Unified School District , to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) 51224.5(b), the requirement that all students graduating in the 2003-04 year be required to complete a course in Algebra I (or equivalent) to be given a diploma of graduation (1 senior). Waiver Number: 30-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

Approval Approval with conditions Denial

That the student be enrolled in summer school to work on the second semester of Algebra I.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION /ACTION

The State Board of Education (SBE) has previously approved over 200 similar waiver requests since January 2004.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Gustine Unified School District did not submit a waiver earlier, as they thought all their seniors had completed the requirement. Late in the year, this student was identified as needing a waiver. The district requests that he be allowed to graduate as they have enrolled him in a summer session algebra class to attempt completion of the requirement before giving him a diploma.

The district has also sent a letter to all students parents and counseling staff that the Algebra I course must be passed by next years seniors, and certify they understand the SBE does not intend to grant waivers of this type on the Consent Agenda in the future.

Authority for Waiver: *Education Code* (EC) Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): May 13,17, and 21, 2004

Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one):

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s):

Cheri Rowton and Larry Shaw, unit representatives

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper posting at each school other (specify)

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Public hearing held on date(s): May 12, 2004

Local board approval date(s): May 12, 2004

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Council

Objections raised (choose one): None Objections are as follows:

Date(s) consulted: May 11, 2004

Period of request: 2003-04 School Year

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

There is no statewide fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Action Item: Some documentation is available for web viewing. Waiver forms and other hard copy documents are available for viewing at the Waiver Office or State Board Office.