



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Konocti Unified School District to renew a waiver of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, to allow a full day kindergarten program at Pomo Elementary School . Waiver Number: 12-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

Approval **Approval with conditions** **Denial**

EC Section 33051(c) will apply and the district will not need to reapply for renewal of the waiver at the end of the requested period if all the information contained on the request remains the same.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The SBE has previously approved similar waivers in the past.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Konocti Unified School District requests a waiver of EC section 37202 in order to implement a full day kindergarten program at the Pomo Elementary School. This is a renewal for a waiver that was approved in June of 2002. This school has been participating in the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) due to their low achievement levels.

Currently, Pomo Elementary School has a 622 API, up from 608 of 2002 (an increase of 14 points) and continues to meet all of their goals. One of the goals, due to the high incidence of poverty (as indicated by the 83% free/reduced lunch rate), high transient population and low parental education levels, was to offer extended opportunities for learning through increased instructional time. Pomo offers 240 daily instructional minutes in kindergarten meeting the requirements of the Schoolwide and School Based Management Plans. Pomo Elementary is one of the two schools in the district that offer increased instructional time to their kindergarten pupils.

The other school is East Lake Elementary and their API has also increased from 563 in 2002 up to 629 in 2003. The district is overcoming its academic deficiencies and increasing their student achievement levels. (East Lake has one more year in the CSRD program and will re-apply for a waiver next year.) They met all of the growth targets at all four schools in the district for 2002-2003. For the previous waiver request from Pomo Elementary, an evaluation was not required as a condition for a renewal request. However, based on the results of the API, the district is doing well academically and the increased instructional time is having a good effect.

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Therefore, since the district has continued to increase their achievement levels based on the API growth over the past several years, this waiver request is recommended for approval with the condition that the provisions of EC Section 33051(c) will apply and the district will not need to reapply for renewal of the waiver at the end of the requested period if all information remains the same.

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

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): 03/30/04

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

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s): Monte Gregg, Konocti Education Association President

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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

Public hearing held on date(s): May 5, 2004

Local board approval date(s): May 5, 2004

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School site councils

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

Date(s) consulted: April 22, 2004

Period of request: 08/01/04

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

No fiscal impact expected.

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.