



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by South Bay Union School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, to allow a pilot full day kindergarten program at West View School . Waiver Number: 14-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

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

That an evaluation be submitted before a renewal is considered.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION /ACTION

The SBE has previously approved similar waivers in the past.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The South Bay Union School District requests a waiver of EC section 37202, in order to implement a full day kindergarten program at one school, West View Elementary. The district wants to pilot the program first and then based on space availability, consider extending the program throughout the district.

West View Elementary has the space for a full day kindergarten and parents will be given the option for their children to attend or not. The district's board adopted EC sections 8970-8974 on November 20, 2003. West View will operate six kindergarten classes. The district notified all twelve of the district schools regarding the pilot program via their school cite councils and formed a district advisory committee made of up parents, teachers and administrators to design the pilot program.

The advisory committee has listed four outcomes for the program: improvement of the kindergarten educational program; respond to parental needs for an extended day option; encourage social, emotional, physical and academic growth for each pupil, and; provide more time for the teacher to access and address the individual pupils' needs. The kindergarten pilot will extend the day from 200 minutes to 280 minutes daily. It is hoped that this pilot will be successful and then the district will extend all of the kindergarten classes to full day. The overall API for the district is 681 and West View's API is 700. The extended day kindergarten pilot should help to increase student learning especially in a school with a high percentage (75%) of economically disadvantaged families.

Therefore, the department recommends approval for one year of the extended day kindergarten and requires that an evaluation be submitted before a renewal is considered.

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Authority for Waiver: EC Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): February 11, 2004

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

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s): Suzanne De La Vergne, Tim O'Neil, Candy Bell, Linda Rivera, Pat Moran, and Doug Jones

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper posting at each school office and city library other (specify) district

Public hearing held on date(s): 02/26/04 and 05/06/04

Local board approval date(s): 05/06/04

Advisory committee(s) consulted: District Advisory Committee

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

Date(s) consulted: 02/03/04 and 05/04/04

Period of request: May 6, 2004 to May 6, 2005

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

District is willing to absorb any fiscal liabilities.

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.