



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Paramount Unified School District for a renewal to waive Education Code (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, to allow full day kindergarten at Wirtz School . Waiver Number: 37-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

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

EC 33051(c) will apply and the district will not have to apply annually for a waiver as long as the information contained on the request remains the same.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past. This is a request for renewal.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Paramount Unified School District is requesting a renewal of their equity length of time waiver in order to continue their implementation of the extended day kindergarten at the Harry Wirtz Elementary School. This waiver has been approved twice, in 2002-2003 school year and in 2003-2004. The evaluation completed for 2003-2004 was positive and encouraging. The district's goal to increase student learning by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum with increased instructional time was successful.

The results of the evaluation reveal that the extended day kindergarten students outperformed their peers in the areas of reading and mathematics. The longer day for the kindergarteners has become a proactive force in ensuring success at the first grade level. There has been less intervention at the first grade for those students coming out of the extended day kindergartens. In fact, the evaluation shows that this pilot program achieved improved academic performance and better-prepared students entering the first grade. The parents surveyed also conveyed positive results. Overall, the program has been a success.

Therefore, the department recommends that EC section 33051(c) will apply and the district will not have to apply annually for the waiver as long as the information contained on the request remains the same.

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

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

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

Neutral

Support

Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s): Terry Race

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 25, 2004

Local board approval date(s): May 25, 2004

Advisory committee(s) consulted: Renewal

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

Date(s) consulted: NA

Period of request: July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

The district will absorb any costs incurred.

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.