



# CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## JULY 2004 AGENDA

### General Waiver

<b>SUBJECT</b> Request by <b>Jefferson Elementary School District</b> to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement to allow a full day kindergarten program at <b>Roosevelt School, Garden Village, Westlake, Coloma, M.H. Tobias, and Edison Elementary Schools.</b>  Waiver Number: 29-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b>

### RECOMMENDATION

Approval  Approval with conditions  Denial

That EC section 33051(c) will apply and the district will not have to reapply annually if 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.

### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Jefferson Elementary School District is requesting a renewal of their equity length of time waiver in order to continue the extended day kindergarten program. As a requirement of the first waiver, they submitted an evaluation of the pilot program.

As part of the evaluation progress, the district developed a parent survey, in both English and Spanish that was sent home to the kindergarten parents. Fifty-seven percent of the parents returned the survey and the comments were generally positive. Some of the comments by parents were that the extra time allowed teachers to spend more individual time with pupils, that there was more socialization time, and that the pupils were able to learn more with the extended time. Overall, the parents gave the pilot program a good recommendation.

The evaluation also showed that the retention rate for kindergarten pupils in the extended day programs was slightly lower than the regular day kindergartens (3 per cent compared to 4 per cent). Another element of the evaluation was a comparison of the two groups of students against three assessment tools: concepts of print, letter identification and phonemic awareness. The data collected showed that when the extended day kindergarten pupils were compared to regular day students, 83 per cent of the extended day kindergarteners met grade level literacy. This is in comparison to the 58 per cent rate of achievement of the regular day kindergarten students. In conclusion, the extended day kindergarten pupils are performing better than their regular day peers.

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Therefore, the department recommends approval and that EC section 33051(c) will apply and the district will not have to reapply annually if the information contained on the request remains the same.

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

**Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s):** April 2004

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

Neutral

Support

Oppose

Comment: Provisions were agreed to as to work schedule to be followed.

**Name of bargaining unit/representative(s):** Paul Hagen, Melinda Dart

**Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):**

posting in a newspaper

posting at each school

other (specify) at

district office

**Public hearing held on date(s):** April 28, 2004

**Local board approval date(s):** April 28, 2004

**Advisory committee(s) consulted:** Renewal waiver

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

**Date(s) consulted:**

**Period of request:** August 2004 to June 2005

**FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)**

The district will absorb all the costs.

**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.