



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Rocklin Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, to allow Rock Creek Elementary School to operate grades 1-3 with longer instructional days than the rest of the district (schools on early-late schedule). Waiver Number: 132-4-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

Approval Approval with conditions Denial

That the waiver be approved for one year.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The SBE has approved similar waivers in the past.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Rocklin Unified School District requests a waiver of EC section 37202, which states a "school district shall maintain all of the elementary day schools established by it for an equal length of time during the school year." The district wants to pilot full day instructional minutes at Rock Creek Elementary that is different from the other eight elementary schools that currently operate under the early/late program. The district has been following the early/late schedule in grades 1-3 since 1975.

Last year, Rock Creek opened as the ninth elementary school in the district. The Rock Creek staff wants to pilot a regular schedule without the staggered start times of an early/late program and then evaluate its effectiveness on student improvement. The district wide API (Academic Performance Index) is 810 for the 2003 base year and Rock Creeks API is 844. Even though the school is doing well, the principal and staff at Rock Creek want to increase the instructional time. On the average, beginning in school year 2004-2005, a student at Rock Creek will receive 50 more minutes of daily instructional time. The district's schedule calls for 139 regular days of instruction and 41 days of a modified schedule.

This change in scheduling has received the support of the bargaining unit, staff and parents alike. The district wants to collect data on the effects of operating this pilot at Rock Creek and use this information to determine if all of the other schools in the district will discontinue the early/late program.

Therefore, the department recommends approval of this waiver.

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Authority for Waiver: EC section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): 03/25/04

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

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s): Barbara Moreno

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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

Public hearing held on date(s): 04/21/04

Local board approval date(s): 04/21/04

Advisory committee(s) consulted: All nine elementary school site councils reviewed the waiver during their March 2004 meetings.

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

Date(s) consulted: March 2004

Period of request: 07/01/04 to 06/30/05

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

The cost of the waiver will be fully absorbed by the district.

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.