

**GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JUNE 2003 AGENDA**  
**Item No. W-2**

<b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Conejo Valley Unified School District</b> to waive <i>Education Code (EC)</i> Section 37202, the equity length of time requirement for the kindergarten pupils at <b>Cypress, Madrona, Manzanita and Wildwood Elementary Schools.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONSENT</b>
<b>CDSIS:</b> 41-4-2003	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends approval. *EC* Section 33051(c) will apply.

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**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:**

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past.

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**Summary of Key Issue(s):**

Conejo Valley Unified School District is requesting a renewal of a waiver of *EC* Section 37202, which states that a district shall maintain an equal length of time in the school year for all its schools. The district had discussed the extended day kindergarten program at four of their twenty elementary schools with their governing board at a meeting during which ***EC* Sections 8970-8974** were reviewed and approved. The district also has a policy for school choice so that interested parents can choose the extended day kindergarten program for their children.

The condition of approval for the previous waiver required that the district provide an evaluation of the extended day program for the four schools, Cypress, Madrona, Manzanita and Wildwood. Attached is the evaluation from the district. The schools are performing well, although only anecdotal evidence is available, and it appears that the needs of the kindergarten pupils are being enhanced. Therefore, the department recommends approval of this renewal waiver request for the same four schools and *EC* Section 33051 (c) will apply.

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Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 01/17/03, 02/21/03 and 04/17/03

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral                                       Support                                       Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: UACT

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper               posting at each school               other

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Public hearing held on: 02/11/03

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Local board approval date: 02/11/03

Advisory committee(s) consulted: Affected School Site Councils

Objections raised (choose one):  None  Objections are attached on  
separate sheet

Date consulted: 03/18/03

Effective dates of request: 08/01/03 to 07/01/05

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate): N/A

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**Background Information:**

Documentation attached to this summary.