

**SPECIFIC WAIVER COVER SHEET**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JUNE 2003 AGENDA**  
**Item No. WC-4**

<p><b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Lawndale Elementary School District</b> for renewal of a waiver of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 52859(b), the prohibition on using funds coordinated under the School Based Coordinated Program to pay for the local shares of costs associated with the employment of a Miller Unruh Reading Specialist.</p> <p><b>CDSIS:</b> 21-4-2003</p>	<p>_____ <b>ACTION</b> _____ <b>INFORMATION</b> _____ <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> <u>  <b>X</b>  </u> <b>CONSENT</b></p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends:     Approval

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

The School Board of Education (SBE) has adopted guidelines for the use of funds coordinated under the SBCP to pay for the local share of the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist. This is a renewal of a previously approved waiver, Waiver Number CDSIS 110-4-2002-WC-5, SBE approved on May 30, 2002.

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

This waiver will allow six schools within the district to use funds from School Improvement Program (SIP) to pay the local share of cost for the continuation of Miller-Unruh reading specialists. This waiver will allow six district schools to use the SIP funds to continue uninterrupted participation in the Miller-Unruh Reading Program, which the district has supported for over ten years. It is essential to meet the needs of a student population made up of 12% CalWorks and 76% qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

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Authority for the waiver: EC 52863, Renewal waiver

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on:

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral                                     Support                                     Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative:

Local board approval date: April 1, 2003

Effective dates of request: May 1, 2003 to May 1, 2005

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**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):** No fiscal impact.

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**Background Information:** Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.