



MARCH 2003 AGENDA

<b>SUBJECT</b> High Priority Schools Grant Program Implementation Grant Awards	<b>X</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
		<b>INFORMATION</b>
		<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>

**Recommendation:**

Approve applications for Pleasant View Elementary, Cesar Chavez Academy, Hearn's Charter, and Far West Continuation schools to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program.

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

Applications for Pleasant View Elementary, Cesar Chavez Academy (Parlier), and Hearn's Charter (Antelope Valley Union High) were disapproved by the Board at its June 2002 meeting.

Far West Continuation School (Oakland) was granted a timeline waiver to continue its application process by the Board at its June meeting.

**Summary of Key Issue(s)**

Pleasant View Elementary, Cesar Chavez Academy (Parlier), and Hearn's Charter (Antelope Valley Union High) were disapproved by the Board in June 2002 because each encountered distinct problems in preparing acceptable applications. Upon disapproval by the Board, as specified in EC 52055.610(b)(2)(C), each school received a \$50,000 planning grant to support their continuing efforts to develop their action plans and applications to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program. The \$50,000 planning grant is subtracted from their original amount.

Far West Continuation School in Oakland Unified received a waiver from the Board at its June 2002 meeting asking for additional time to continue working on its action plan and application beyond the May 15, 2002 deadline.

Each school has submitted a revised application to the California Department of Education (CDE). Department staff has reviewed and approved each of the applications and, based on this review, recommends them for approval.

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)**

The Legislature has appropriated \$217 million in FY 2002-03 for this program. Proposed mid-year reductions do not affect the appropriations for these original schools. There is still enough money in the line item to fund all of the schools considered at the March Board.

**Attachment (s)**

List of schools recommended for approval.

**SCHOOLS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

CDS Code	County	District	School	Grant Award
01612590130146	Alameda	Oakland	Far West	\$ 41,600
10623641034990	Fresno	Parlier	Parlier High	\$283,600
19642461996347	Los Angeles	Antelope Valley	Hearns	\$ 65,200
54720586054217	Tulare	Pleasant View	Pleasant View	\$206,400
				\$596,800