



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 2004 AGENDA

SUBJECT Special Education: Approve Extension of the Submission Date for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Annual Budget and Service Plans.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION

Approve extension of the due date for the first Annual Budget and Service Plans to be submitted by Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) from June 30, 2004, to October 15, 2004.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

In June 1997, Congress re-authorized the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as Public Law (PL) 105-17. In 1999, the new federal implementing regulations changed the required components of the special education local plans. SELPAs must have on file with the State Education Agency (SEA), which, for filing purposes, is the California Department of Education (CDE), documents that assure compliance with federal requirements. These documents are reviewed prior to allocating federal funds for the support of special education programs and services. Also in 1997, California completely overhauled its funding mechanism for special education with the enactment of Assembly Bill 602 (Chapter 854, Statutes of 1997). Among other things, AB 602 requires SELPAs to submit an Annual Budget and Service Plan.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

As noted, SELPAs are now required to submit to the CDE an Annual Budget and Service Plan. CDE recommends that the State Board of Education extend the due date of this first Annual Budget and Service Plan from June 30, 2004, to October 15, 2004. This extension will ensure that SELPAs have adequate time to thoughtfully prepare their plans.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

SELPA Local Plans (in their entirety), including the Annual Budget and Service Plan, fulfill the federal requirements necessary to allocate federal funds to SELPAs. Federal funds comprise approximately ten percent of the total state and federal allocations specifically dedicated to special education programs and services. The proposed action under this agenda item (extending the due date for filing the first Annual Budget and Service Plan) has no impact on the amounts of state or federal funds to which SELPAs are entitled.

ATTACHMENT

None.