



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM #W-10

MARCH 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Sacramento City Unified School District for Fruit Ridge Elementary School , in Cohort I of the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) postponed from January 8, 2004 (Invalid API) to waive sanctions in portions of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 52055.5(h), in effect to keep the school on “watch” for the 2003-04 school year. Waiver Number: 3-2-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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RECOMMENDATION

Approval Approval with conditions Denial

That Fruit Ridge Elementary be placed on “watch” status for the 2003-04 school year.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

At the January 2004 State Board meeting, the Board members approved an alternative method for II/USP schools with invalid growth APIs to demonstrate significant growth. The criteria the Board adopted for Cohort I II/USP elementary schools were as follows:

Elementary schools must demonstrate that:

- The percentage of students (schoolwide) at or above the proficient level on the California Standards test in English/language arts increased by at least one percentage point from 2002 to 2003 (note: 0.99 does not equal 1.00), and
- The percentage of students (schoolwide) at or above the proficient level on the California Standards test in Mathematics Standards increased by at least one percentage point from 2002 to 2003.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Fruit Ridge Elementary has met the alternative criteria for schools without valid growth APIs to demonstrate significant growth. The percentage of students at or above proficient on the 2003 California Standards English/language arts test increased by 7.82%, and the percentage of students at or above proficient on the 2003 California Standards Mathematics Test increased by 10.63%.

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Also, the percentage tested in English/language arts increased from 77.6% in 2002 to 99% in 2003 and the percentage tested in mathematics increased from 89.5% in 2002 to 99% in 2003.

If the Board grants the waiver, the school would be placed on "watch" status for the 2003-2004 school year. If the school makes all its growth targets on the 2004 API, it will exit the program.

Authority for Waiver: Education Code (EC) Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): January 21, 2004

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

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative(s): Manuel Villarreal

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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

Public hearing held on date(s): February 5, 2004

Local board approval date(s): February 5, 2004

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Council

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

Date(s) consulted: January 23, 2004

Period of request: 3/11/03-9/1/04

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

If the waiver is granted, a total of \$186,000 in Title I funds would be saved (\$75,000 for the services of a SAIT team and \$111,600 to implement the recommended corrective actions).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Documentation is attached to this summary.