



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM #W-13

MARCH 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>Request by Biggs Unified School District for Biggs Elementary School, in Cohort I of the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP), to waive the II/USP timeline for the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 52055.51(d)(e) to be restarted to begin on March 11, 2004</p> <p>Waiver Number: 18-2-2004</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Consent</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

Approval Approval with conditions Denial

Approval: CDE recommends that the II/USP 90-day SAIT timeline be restarted on March 11, 2004 on the condition that Biggs Elementary School begins the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) process immediately.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Biggs Elementary was deemed a state-monitored school at the November 2003 State Board meeting because the school failed to demonstrate significant growth on the 2003 Growth API. The Board required the district to enter into a contract with an approved SAIT Provider and the local governing board was allowed to retain its legal rights, duties, and responsibilities with respect to Biggs Elementary.

Below is the API history that was presented at the November Board meeting:

Biggs Elementary											
2000 Base	2001 Growth	2001 Sch Wide	2001 Comp Imp	2001 Base	2002 Growth	2002 Sch Wide	2002 Comp Imp	2002 Base	2003 Growth	2003 Sch Wide	2003 Comp Imp
669	19	Yes	Yes	694	-1	No	No	678	-99	No	Yes

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

After the November 2003 State Board meeting, the district notified the Department that the API data used to deem Biggs Elementary state-monitored were incorrect. The district is currently working with Education Testing Services (ETS) to correct the data errors.

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Since Biggs Elementary was in the process of correcting its API data, the district decided not to begin the SAIT process. Therefore, the school is in violation of the 90-day legislative timeline to complete the initial SAIT process. Legislation requires that no later than 60 days after the assignment of a SAIT, the team must complete the initial report and no later than 90 days after the assignment of a SAIT the local governing board shall adopt the recommendations in the report.

Authority for Waiver: Education Code (EC) Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): 2/4/04

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

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative(s): Lynn Dearmond and Pricilla Sisty

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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

Public hearing held on date(s): 3/4/04

Local board approval date(s): 3/4/04

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Council

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

Date(s) consulted: 2/11/04

Period of request: November 12, 2004 –March 11, 2004

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

There is no fiscal impact associated with this waiver.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Documentation is attached to this Summary