



SEPTEMBER 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT Approval of 2003-2004 Consolidated Applications	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation:

The California Department of Education (CDE) recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the 2003-2004 Consolidated Application (Con Apps) submitted by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs).

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

To date, the SBE has approved Con Apps for 64 LEAs. This is the third year LEAs have completed, and submitted the Con App via a software package downloaded from the Internet. This mechanism substantially decreased calculation errors and the time needed for review and approval.

Each year the CDE, in compliance with *California Code of Regulations* Title 5, Section 3920, recommends that SBE approve applications for funding Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs submitted by LEAs.

There are 17 state and federal programs that LEAs may apply for in the Con App. Approximately \$3.2 billion is distributed annually through the Con App process. The state funding sources include: School Improvement Program, Economic Impact Aid (which is used for State Compensatory Education (SCE) and/or English Learners), Miller-Unruh, Tobacco Use Prevention Education, 10th Grade Counseling, Peer Assistance Review, Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform, and School Safety (AB 1113). The federal funding sources include: Title I, Part A Basic Grant (Low Income); Title I, Part A (Neglected); Title I, Part D, (Delinquent); Title II, Part A (Teacher Quality); Title II, Part D (Technology); Title III, Part A (LEP Students); Title IV, Part A (SDFSC); and Title V, Part A (Innovative); and Title VI, Part B (Rural, Low-Income).

Summary of Key Issue(s)

Consolidated Applications are presented to SBE for approval after they have been received and reviewed. CDE recommendation is based upon application completeness and the status of outstanding compliance issues. CDE provides the State Board of Education with two types of approval recommendations. Regular approval is recommended when an LEA has submitted a correct and complete Consolidated Application, Part I and have no serious noncompliant issues over 365 days. Conditional approval is recommended when an LEA has submitted a correct and complete Consolidated Application, Part I, but has one or more serious noncompliant issues over 365 days. Conditional approval provides authority to the LEA to spend their categorical funds on the condition that they resolve or make significant progress toward resolving noncompliant

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issues. In extreme cases, conditional approval may include the withholding of funds. In September, CDE recommends conditional approval for 35 LEAs which have noncompliant issues over 365 days. With the exception of three LEAs, these noncompliant issues are related to services for English learners. In most cases, a compliance review found a lack of English language development or insufficient access to the core curriculum for English learners.

In summary, CDE recommends regular approval for 1,122 LEAs which represents the distribution of \$2.1 billion in categorical program funds for School Year 2003-04. CDE also recommends conditional approval for 35 LEAs which represent \$600 million in categorical program funds for School Year 2003-04. There are currently no LEAs recommended for a withholding of funds. In total, 1,157 LEAs are being presented to the SBE in September representing a total of \$2.7 billion in categorical funds for School Year 2003-04.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

None.

Attachment(s)

Attachment 1 List of Consolidated Applications Recommended for Regular Approval
(Pages 1-42) (Not available for Web posting.)

Attachment 2 List of Consolidated Applications Recommended for Conditional Approval
(Pages 1-2) (Not available for Web posting.)